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Dear Chairman Hill and Board Members,

My name is Mary Anna Garifo and I live a block from the proposed jail cell at 1112 5th St. I strongly urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to deny the special exception relief sought by the District of Columbia Department of General Services for the proposed temporary relocation of the Central Cell Block to 501 New York Ave NW. I am sincerely concerned about the safety and security of the area.

My condo was attempted to be broken in when I first moved to DC. I had to replace my front door from the damage. As a 30 year old women, the safety to walk in the neighborhood and to a restaurant for dinner in the winter when the sun goes down is critical. Already I walk with pepper spray. I would have to walk by this jail every time I wanted to leave my house.

My car has also been vandalized with the catalytic converter getting stolen and an additional occurrence of my license plate getting stole. The crime in this area is already a problem.

I rent out my second bedroom in my condo and the increase of crime is concerning on the validity for me to find a quality roommate. This jail would significantly bring down the desire for people to move and hang out in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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