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Dear Chairman Hill and Board Members,

My name is Michael Frankhuizen and since 2011, I reside at 437 New York Avenue, NW Number 502. I implore the Board of Zoning Adjustment to deny the special exception relief sought by the District of Columbia Department of General Services in their request to temporarily relocate Central Cell Block to 501 New York Avenue NW. Such a move, as I understand it, constitutes a clear violation of existing zoning ordinances and the current map.

If approved, the increased noise and traffic congestion from the substantial addition of cells and detainees as well supporting police and service provider operations will exacerbate an already near gridlock environment. Even now simply crossing New York Avenue at 5th Street to access City Vista shopping (Safeway as the closest food store) has been reduced to sport and its cacophony. The perception of a safe community is also threatened. Nearby child care facilities, the Homewood Suites by Hilton at 465 New York Ave NW and the burgeoning restaurant businesses would be negatively impacted. Families, tourists and Convention Center attendees would be driven to seek more desirable alternatives away from this locale.

I have personally watched this area transform for over decade by promoting general well being. Please do not negate this longterm and sustained progress with a "temporary" exception to existing rules. Should you wish to follow up, my point of contact information is:

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Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.

Sincerely
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