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Case number: 01-02 (Text Amendment—11 DCMR)

Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am writing in support of several very important corrections that need to be made to 11DCMR (Title 11 of the DC Municipal Regulations or Zoning Regulations) regarding antenna towers. These corrections are part of the notice of proposed rulemaking and delete provisions in the C-1 and C-2 Districts that allow broadcast towers as a matter of right. These corrections will correct the miscodification of the 1989 Commission order regulating antennas and antenna towers.

In part A. Chapter 7, I strongly support repealing sections 701.6(g) and 721.2(t).

In part B. Chapter 12, I strongly support amending section 1201.2(c) by deleting the following phrase: "except that an antenna tower for television and radio broadcasting and in conjunction therewith the erection, alteration, or use of buildings for transmission or reception equipment shall not be permitted." This phrase properly belongs in section 1201.3(b) and should be added as sec. 1201.3(b)(4).

In addition, I support correcting the cross reference in section 211.1. This cross reference refers to the provisions on special exceptions that are now in section 3104, not 3108 as they were in 1989 when that section was enacted. Also, the first sentence in (2) in section 914.1 reads "If the Board considers that it is appropriate in furthering the *objections* of the Waterfront Districts" *The objections* should read "*the objectives*."

We need to have the protection intended in the 1989 Commission order which, if correction to A-1 and 2 are made, will clearly make all antenna towers in all districts a special exception. We need this protection as soon as possible.

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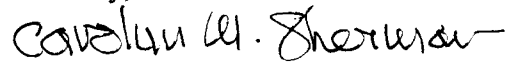
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No company has a *right* to come into a neighborhood, and with no public hearing or even the knowledge of the residents, to destroy its peace and beauty. The construction of a cell tower or antenna has such a significant effect on a neighborhood that it is the citizens' right to be informed beforehand, to be able to learn about and debate the impact of such a radical alteration on the neighborhood, to rationally weigh the costs and benefits, and to have reasonable say into whether the tower or antenna should be built.

We trust you as our officials to protect our interests and our rights. We know your loyalty is to us, not to private companies with no stake in our neighborhoods or our city.

Thank you for your concern and help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn M. Sherman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line at the end.

Carolyn M. Sherman