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Carol J. Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 01-02
Proposed Zoning Text Amendment on Antennas, Antenna
Towers and Monopoles

Dear Chairman Mitten:

Simply Wireless is writing to convey its concerns over the Planning Board's proposed amendment to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission's ordinance regarding Antennas, Antenna Towers and Monopoles. Simply Wireless would like to raise several of its concerns in advance of the Zoning Commission's hearing scheduled for October 17, 2002.

Upon review of the posed text amendment, Simply Wireless believes that if the Zoning Commission adopts the proposed text amendment in its current form, the new ordinance will severely affect business in the District of Columbia by frustrating the ability of wireless service providers to build networks or upgrade existing facilities to better serve customers and the public.

Areas negatively affected by the proposed ordinance's amendments are not limited to only the private sector comprised of residents, businesses, and tourists. Furthermore, public safety and government sectors that rely on consistent and reliable wireless services throughout their day-to-day operations will be hindered because of unnecessary restrictions or delays created by the amendments. In times of emergency, such communications have the potential of grinding to a halt, or being entirely nonexistent, because of the inability of wireless service providers to complete or upgrade their systems to keep them operating at optimum levels.

Simply Wireless would urge caution in adopting such restrictive regulations and believes the needs of all concerned could be better served by not adopting the amendment as proposed.

Sincerely,



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Simply Wireless, Inc.

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