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Mr. Einstein,

Thank you for your comments.

Best,
Jenny

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On Mar 13, 2019, at 8:58 PM, Einstein,David (HMFP - HMFP Medicine)
<deinstei@bidmc.harvard.edu> wrote:

Dear Ms. Raitt and Arlington Redevelopment Board:

I'm writing to express my strong support of the proposed zoning changes allowing greater development density.

As a resident and homeowner in Arlington Heights, I know from personal experience how difficult it can be to obtain housing in the greater Boston area, and I would love to see Arlington commit to providing much-needed additional housing.

Secondly, I am an oncologist, and I regularly see the financial impact of a cancer diagnosis and ensuing treatment on my patients. I have had patients who were just barely able to make ends meet, but then, after a cancer diagnosis, were suddenly unable to work and simultaneously faced accumulating medical bills. Since housing and rental costs make up a huge amount of a typical Boston area household's budget, these patients quickly find themselves functionally or truly homeless. I have written letters to housing agencies explaining the need for stable housing during cancer treatments, but to no avail—there is simply not enough subsidized housing available. I would hope to see my hometown contributing positively to housing availability.

Many thanks,
David

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