



March 18, 2019

Ms. Jenny Raitt
Town of Arlington
Redevelopment Board
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Ms. Raitt,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce believes that the Town's proposed zoning by-law amendments present a strong model for growth. At a time when some of the Town's long term businesses have shut their doors and retail spaces sit vacant, the status quo is not sustainable. In order to ensure the prosperity of our town, we must adopt a more flexible approach to zoning which encourages new commercial and residential development.

By encouraging increased mixed-use development at all income levels along Arlington's commercial corridors, we put the town in a position to attract new and diverse businesses while continuing to sustain our current economic base. In turn, this development will help to spur public and private revitalization in our business districts.

We are in full support of the Town's forward-looking Master Plan, approved at the 2015 Town Meeting, to stimulate quality development and economic growth and we have encourage supporters to join us by attending and voicing their opinions at the Redevelopment Board's public hearings this month.

Sincerely,

Beth Locke
Executive Director
on behalf of Chamber Board of Directors