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Subject: Article 15/Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Members of the Redevelopment Board:

I would like to express my strong opposition to Article 15, allowing accessory dwelling units in R0 and RI districts, and respectfully ask you to vote no on advancing this article in its current form to Town Meeting.

The addition of these units would dramatically change the character of single-family neighborhoods in Arlington. They would essentially over time turn these neighborhoods into two-family districts, despite the name. Developers would have an even bigger incentive to tear down modest homes and replace them with larger houses, blocking views and sunlight, and invading neighbors privacy. New entrances would be added to sides and backs of homes and add foot traffic and noise to areas that would otherwise be a quiet porch or backyard.

People don't just buy a house but rather a home in a neighborhood that they love and that becomes their retreat and refuge from the stresses of daily life. This is not something that a town should take lightly in their decision-making process because most homeowners can't just pick up and find a new home and neighborhood, and we shouldn't have to.

Please consider the real lives of many people who'd be significantly impacted by this article.

Sincerely,

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