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Dear Select Board Members,

I, a resident of Arlington, am writing to urge you to take prompt action to make the intersection of Mass Ave, Appleton St, and Appleton Place safe for ALL road users. A Somerville resident, Charlie Proctor, was recently killed by a reckless driver at this dangerous intersection. This is unacceptable.

There are no perfect quick fixes to this intersection but while longer term solutions are being found striping the bike lane, installing bollards, flex posts, planters, concrete barriers, or whatever else it takes to slow down motor vehicle traffic so that drivers are forced pay attention can save lives.

In these times of uncertainty and pandemic, more people than ever are discovering the joys of walking, biking, scooters, etc. They should be free to do so safely. The streets in this region, I'm often told, were originally routed and traveled by cows (and presumably pedestrians and horses). There is no reason personal motor vehicle traffic, a relatively novel and unsustainable mode of transport in a dense urban area, should be privileged above others and the only safe way to travel. Please actively design and redesign streets and paths to ensure all users' safety.

Thank you,

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