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Subject: Appleton Bike Safety

Dear Select Board Members,

I was greatly saddened by the tragic killing of Charlie Proctor by a reckless driver at the Mass Ave/Appleton intersection 3 weeks ago. As a cyclist, driver, and resident of Arlington, I know that this is one of the most dangerous spots in the town for vulnerable road users, and I am writing to you to request that the Town and Select board take immediate action to address safety issues at this intersection.

While I recognize that there is no quick fix to this intersection, please consider immediately striping bike lanes, adding flex posts to better channel motor vehicles turns, and implementing other traffic calming measures. Over the long term, the only solution is to implement the recommendations of the 2012 CTPS safety report and build an intersection that is safe for all.

As we emerge into the new, post-pandemic world, it is becoming increasingly clear that cycling is one of the ways we can reduce gridlock, mitigate the noxious effects of air pollution, and build a safer and friendlier communities. Building out from the resource that is the Minuteman bike path, I hope that you will have the courage to make Arlington a leader in ensuring safe cycling is possible for all of its residents.

Thank you,

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