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Subject: Charlie Proctor's "Accident"

Dear Diane M. Mahon,

As Chair of the Select Board through this year, you have grave authority to implement change on the streets of Arlington, especially in this case, at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Streets where my nephew, Charlie Proctor, died on May 5th. As his aunt, and sister to his mother, I am devastated, as you would be also.

We hope that all the committees, advisors, engineers, and those who have the power to say "Go" to the reconstruction of that intersection will all work together to quickly draw the plans, implement the necessary lights to stop traffic from killing people on bicycles, or in cars. Please. Too many people have said what a terrible intersection that is, but it was left as a blinking light. There should not be such knowledge of inadequacy for so long in your town.

We have an intersection here in Hanover, NH, that is very similar to the one in Arlington: there are three lights, everyone stops even on Route 120, and waits. At that intersection, there is a Co-op, a gas station, a drive-thru bank, a retirement community, and then the street veering left to the high school and college. It's intricate, and it works. You can do that too. Contact the Hanover administrator, Julie Griffith, if you want to know more.

But please do not let this slide into oblivion and allow more people to be killed. You know what to do. Ironically, Charlie was an engineer and would have solved the problem cleanly. Please do it.

Thank you.  
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