To John Hurd, Chair Select Board

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I am writing out of concern for pedestrian safety around the crosswalk at Chestnut and Mystic Streets near the municipal parking lot. We all care about safety in Arlington but after the death of long time Arlington resident Ann Desrosiers in December 2019 by a motor vehicle while walking in this crosswalk we need to focus on this area. Full disclosure, Ann Desrosiers was a personal friend of mine who I have known for many decades and we were both members of local Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Ann was using this crosswalk to attend a morning mass/service at nearby St. Agnes church. Many elderly residents who live at Chestnut Manor or in the area use this crosswalk daily. You might have our Transportation Advisory Committee and Arlington Police or a consultant review this area and make recommendations on how to make this area safer for all. Possibly some of the new \$500,000 funds obtained by Representatives Dave Rogers and Sean Garballey could be used to implement traffic calming measures in this area. I trust that you will make this area safer for all pedestrians to reduce the risks of any further tragic accidents.

Sincerely,
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