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Board of Selectmen
Town of Arlington
730 Mass Ave.
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Selectmen/women:

I was so disappointed to hear that you will be taking down the Black Lives Matter sign that had been displayed in front of our Town Hall.


I firmly believe we need to support our police by recognizing that we, as a country, have been dreadful to people of color, especially those who are black.

This is not a zero sum game, as so many people want to portray it.

We must change this country, its policies and practices, to make a positive change for blacks and we must review all police policies and procedures in order to make sure police are not expected to deal with all of our social challenges, and are armed appropriately to do their given task.

Please do not be cowardly. I was so proud Arlington put up a sign that said Black Lives Matter on our Town Hall. We can not afford to not love all of our neighbors.

Sincerely yours,


Beth Loomis