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Dear Selectboard Chair DeCoursey,

I am writing to you today in support of the **bike lane alternative** that aims to improve safety for vulnerable road users on the Massachusetts Avenue corridor, nearby Appleton Street.

As a sophomore at AHS, I use this intersection on foot and my bicycle every day, and I'm in **fear for my life**. I'm worried that someone will misjudge the angle of the intersection and hit me. I'm worried that a car will harass me or attack me while I ride in the travel lane. I'm worried that someone will run a red light, and I'll be hit. **I'm terrified that I'll be killed here.** I feel that every day, when I have to bike to my school, to my crew practice, or anywhere I need to go.

After the fatality here in 2020, the Selectboard approved a committee to improve the safety at this intersection, for all, but especially for bicyclists and pedestrians. So I am confused as to why the board is conflicted about the decision to approve a **MassBike endorsed plan with a bike lane that will increase bike comfort and safety.**

The opposition to the plan chose not to be involved in the process until the very end. They showed no interest in improving the safety of the intersection, they just care about the parking retention. Some even opposed the shared lane marking plan, because it removes a few parking spaces due to pedestrian visibility enhancements. **It's hurtful to hear how they don't care about my safety.**

Shared lane markings have not been shown to improve safety on corridors. I've had experiences being yelled at, and punishment passed (where a car purposely drives close to intimidate me). I've even been driven at in shared lane markings. They are not safe, especially on a corridor that is so close to a School. Many OMS and AHS students bike to school right on this corridor. We would be so much safer in a bike lane. **Putting students in a space where they are required to interact with speeding cars is a deadly decision that can only end badly. We need to make sure students have safe and sustainable routes to school.**

NACTO, an organization that makes guidelines that the state and town follow, says this about shared lane markings "it is not a facility type and should not be considered a substitute for bike lanes....where these types of facilities are otherwise warranted or space permits." The guidelines are clear, shared lane markings are not a good substitute for a bike lane, especially not where high-speed traffic, and frequent novice cyclist traffic is known to be common. **The shared lane marking plan has not even been reviewed by DPW, it is far from complete.**

The bike lane plan creatively includes buffers for door zones, large conflict markings that are extremely visible to drivers to remind them they must yield to people on bikes, as well as narrow lanes for **both bicyclists and cars that will slow everyone down.** It also balances parking needs and safety needs creatively, by keeping parking next to businesses, but taking it away where it's not frequently used. **The bike lane plan has been reviewed by MassBike, as well as DPW, and other town agencies.** It is a complete plan.

Please approve the **bike lane alternative** when voting on the Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street corridor. **It may seem like a vote for parking retention or a bike lane, but it says who you care about more in the town of Arlington, convenience for those in cars, or students and other people on bicycles or walking in Arlington.**

Thank you for your time,

Petru Sofio

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AHS Class of 2024

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Pronunciation: Pet-True

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AHS 2024

He/Him

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Dear Selectboard members,

Students at APS who travel through the Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street intersection need bike lanes to stay safe.

Here are 133 signatures from students to specifically request that the board to approve bike lanes on this fatal student-heavy corridor. I collected these signatures on just one morning alone.

Please read the petition, and see how much support there is for bicycle lanes.

Town of Arlington Selectboard,

We, the undersigned, are students of Arlington Public Schools who demand safe bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue near Ottoson Middle School. Climate change is a major issue facing all communities and will have an extreme impact on our generation. We must encourage car-free travel in our infrastructure.

Furthermore, as most of us are unable to drive, we rely on walking and biking throughout the town as our way to get around independently. By not putting bike lanes on our roads, you are actively restricting our right to travel. The intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street is one primarily used by students, especially during peak hours. Approving a proposal that does not put student's safety as the highest priority would be neglectful and shameful.

We urge the board to approve the bike lane alternative as soon as possible for the safety of

all the vulnerable students who use this corridor every day.

Sign below with your name and class:

Petru Sofia 2024	Erin Grande 2024	Lia Varghese 2022
Kate Watson 2025	Daniel Berzuck 2025	Harke-eret Singh 2025
Lindsay Plummer	David	Alexandra
Lizzy Mastrogriolo	Hanyang Wu	Candice
andrew	Oliver Rens	Conifer Gilbert 2024
Embre Misicko '24	Greta Billingsley	Aidan Flanders
Ed Severe 2025	Noga Hirsch '24	Kayleke Kewani
Craig Branzuela	Spencer Quick 2024	Eila Solomon
Liam Gallagher 25	Popular Butler	Amel Ph
Ash Carreiro '25	Winter	Jonah Taylor 2024
Jasper Jamar '24	Anna Beauchard '24	Ella Perkins '24
Nerami Danusean	Nicolas Smith	Jan Briggs
Annie McPaulas	Cecilia Beckley	Matthew FL
Am Gonzalez-Smith	Andros Simancas	Talia A

Zoe Miller	Piper Guiney	Asak Putran 2025
Mattias Varkentis	Leela Baranoff	Jeanette Coran
Bella Hayes	Gabby Hayes	Virginia Sanzo
Cayla Kwok 2024	Emma Rose 2024	Shelby Lucente 2024
Luke Purinton 2024	Bishesh Shrestha	Sol Yudowski
Elliott Elkin	Mr M	Samantha Rauh
Min Unko	Alison Dixon 2024	Elsbeth Fraser
Isabel Schneider 2023	Blake Lynan	Murie Padian 2024
Roxie Lawin	Zoe Blankespoor 2024	Rand Marcokis

Grizem Sirin	Orly Diaz	Modelane Blandy
Ellie Carr	Ariana Weiss 2024	Amelien Lijon
Frankie Lipman	Henry Fenellosa	Elizabeth Faiola
Claudia Wolfe	Julia McNeill	Miriam Oliveri-Schneider
Coolee Jensen	Aubrey Jensen	Anna Zou
Michelle Chen	Hart Kowert	Adam Boyle
Ruhana Sharma-Sneja	Elsa Conway	Asha Ram
Elsa Williams C	Megan Rice	Gabriel Zulueta
Daraja Wilkerson	Athana Ahmad	Shilu Wang
Kaia Hinton	Emily Schoonmaker	Theo Strauss
Ethan Phan	Nora Vartanian	Lilly Speare
Wilder Sh	Galvin Mason	Sadie Simon 2024
Cora Voet 2024	Amy Chelariu 2024	Wendy Lamb
Teddy Ames	Bella Lauzon 2024	Colin McKenzie 2024
Isabella LeBlond	Emmie N 2024	Maureen T. 2024
Joe & Candie Ohn	Dylan Scopetoki	Marianne Goddard 2024
Maya Gazibash	Dhrum Bam	Sarah Nascimento

Quella Q. 2024	Grace Printon 2024	Belen Sanchez Mathews 2024
Bella Domin 2024	Chloe 2024	Elyse Spink 2024
Harthik Saramulu 2024	Tilly Kisdler 2024	Aiden Parnmore 2023
Fan Horshurgh 2024	Helly Weber 2023	Caleb Choi 2024
Zsuzsanna Czaha 2024		

Please keep us, and our safety in mind, when you vote tonight on this issue.

Sincerely,

APS students.

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AHS 2024

He/Him

Dear Members of the Arlington Select Board,

Since my brother's death, I have met many others who have experienced similar tragedies, and none of them have received the same level of compassion and prompt and reasoned process that we've seen from the town of Arlington. The heartfelt words that we received from Mr. Chapdelaine and Chairs Mahon and DeCoursey soon after the crash, along with Mr. Chapdelaine's and Mr. Diggins' help with the ghost bike, showed that the town government cared about our unimaginable loss. The prompt action initiated by the select board to form the design review committee, and the thoughtful democratic process that the committee undertook, demonstrated that the town was serious about rectifying the danger presented by this intersection to prevent such losses for others.

My brother was an incredible adventurer. He was an accomplished ice climber and mountaineer. The year before he died, he summited Denali with two friends via the Cassin Ridge, one of the most challenging mountaineering routes in the United States. Possibly more ambitious, he initiated and led our family's yearly bike tours, during which my parents pushed themselves more than they, or we, ever expected they could.

While he was often taking risks during his adventures, he was always careful and caring. He always wanted to share his adventures with others, and he was always the one making sure we were safe. He was the one who made sure my harness was secure while climbing, checked that I was properly braking while belaying, and made sure my parents were eating and drinking enough during our family bike tours. He was the one who told me that I was biking too fast on city streets when I visited him in Massachusetts.

With all the adventures that he engaged in, it is incredibly unjust that he was killed not on some unusual adventure on the top of a mountain, but while taking the scenic route to get some take-out after deciding that the pandemic line at Stop & Shop was too long. It is a tragedy that we have become so complacent in accepting such risks in our everyday lives. There are clear solutions to this problem, such as those presented in Alternative 2, and the responsibility falls on local government to fix it. Such solutions are common in other countries throughout the developed world, and it shows in their dramatically lower rates of traffic deaths.

With the upcoming vote on the two alternatives, you are not getting the opportunity to bring my brother back. But since his death, it has become painfully apparent how deadly the intersection of Appleton and Mass Ave is. Two other people have nearly died there in the intervening year and a half, and every day that we rely on half-measures like those proposed in Alternative 1 is another day that deadly risk remains.

The measures proposed in alternative 2 provide substantial safety improvements to the intersection. The narrowing of car travel lanes has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood of crashes by reducing speeds. The benefit of reduced speeds is substantial; even small decreases in speeds produce large reductions in the energy involved in a collision, and this effect is compounded by the increased reaction time afforded to slower moving drivers.

I understand that the businesses across the street from the parking that would be restricted in Alternative 2 fear that they will lose customers without that parking. If this is the case, it is imperative on the town to find creative solutions to rectify this problem, such as the town renting portions of the neighboring church lot during weekdays, or mediating negotiations to allow customers to park in lots behind the affected businesses. I expect that town government has the skills and creativity to find these solutions: it is literally a matter of life and death.

Sincerely,
Tom Proctor

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Good Morning Honorable Select Board Members,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find the attached Communiqué from Saint Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church and a signed petition from our Stewards and local businesses rejecting the proposed redesign of Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street to the Town of Arlington Select Board.

We have faith that you, the Members of The Town of Arlington Select Board, will act appropriately, respectfully and with fairness to address our concerns along with the immediate abutters and local businesses in the area. Our Community has much love, compassion and respect for Arlington and its residents.

It is our hope and fervent prayer that an equitable and reasonable solution can be found to ensure the safety of all who travel in this area.

With Deep Respect and Humility, I Remain,

S. Nicholas Kriketos
Committee Member - Mass Ave./Appleton Redesign

Parish Council Member
Saint Athanasius the Great
Greek Orthodox Church
4 Appleton Street
Arlington MA 02476



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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476

Communiqué - Saint Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church

September 13, 2021

Mr. Stephen DeCoursey, Chairman
Ms. Diane M. Mahon
Mr. Lenard Diggins
Mr. Eric D. Helmuth
Mr. John V. Hurd
Town of Arlington
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Honorable Select Board Members,

On behalf of the Saint Athanasius the Great Community, I respectfully communicate the following concerns with love, kindness, compassion, and respect.

Regarding the Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street Intersection proposed plan we hereby submit the attached signed petition, by Stewards of Saint Athanasius the Great and local businesses, rejecting the committee's recommendation to the Arlington Select Board.

We the parishioners of Saint Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church of Arlington Massachusetts fully support an improved design of this intersection that includes new traffic signaling infrastructure, curb bump outs, speed limit signage, and any other necessary work/equipment to improve safety for all modes of transportation. However, the proposed plan to the Select Board which eliminates over 41% of parking spaces is not acceptable and will not solve the concerns associated with this intersection.

We strongly encourage additional, thorough, unbiased design review of this intersection and adjacent areas by the Town's traffic engineer Green International, which includes the input of local business owners and residents. We acknowledge Green International was hired by the Town to work with this committee, however there should be more work done on a permanent solution in consultation with those who are directly impacted by any changes.

Safety should be a priority for all when re-designing this intersection and all businesses and residents in the immediate area should have equitable input on any implemented design, which will ultimately impact their daily lives. It is imperative that the Select Board in conjunction with the Town Manager, local businesses and local residents, find a fair balance with a reasonable design and outcome.

With Deep Respect and Humility, I Remain,

S. Nicholas Kriketos, on behalf of,
Saint Athanasius the Great Parish Council

PETITION

To: The Select Board of the Town of Arlington

We, the undersigned, are **NOT** in favor of the plan titled Option 2, voted by the Mass Ave/ Appleton Design Review Committee to be presented to the Select Board. This plan would eliminate 41%, or 22 total car parking spaces between Forest Street and Richardson Ave, creating hardship for the residents, businesses, and their customers and clients.

We respectfully ask the board to vote **NO** on this proposal and work to seek a better solution for all that are affected.

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Elaine Agard	37 Church St Ave	Elaine Agard
Mary Makredes	41 Church St Ave	Mary Makredes
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Anelia Stamatis	364 Gray St	
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George Tsipopoulos	17 Woodpark Cir	
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Dear Arlington Selectboard,

My name is Ash Carreiro, and I am a student at AHS. As a 9th grader, I really like having the independence to cycle or walk to school. Unfortunately, gaps in the Arlington bike network, such as the bike lane between Dunkin Donuts and Forest St block my freedom to bike safely. Please add a bike lane so I can have more freedom to get around my town independently without risking my life. Currently, my family and I are scared to bike on Mass Ave when there isn't a bike lane.

Please install a bike lane on this stretch to keep me and my family safe.

Thank you,
Ash Carreiro
AHS 2025

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Dear Select Board,

Thank you and all of the Arlington staff and volunteers that the Proctor family has met in person and virtually throughout this most difficult time. They have been compassionate and attentive to our questions and concerns, as has the police department where we visited. Coincidentally Charlie worked on the HVAC design of the building, as he was on the Architectural Engineers team.

Charlie was an avid and committed cyclist. He rode four miles daily from his home in East Somerville down Broadway and over the North Washington Bridge to his work on Franklin Street, even in inclement weather. He rode to get groceries, to visit friends, and on long rides throughout Massachusetts. He and his partner Alison were finishing a recreational ride and on their way to get Thai for dinner when the fatal crash occurred.

Charlie often said that his biking meant one less car on the street, less pollution, and parking issues. He, as many cyclists and pedestrians, seek to combat climate change and keep fit at the same time, simply by not driving. More and more people are choosing alternatives to car travel.

We're happy to see that Arlington has embraced these alternatives and has been recognized as a Silver Level Bike Friendly City. Biking and walking are models we can all agree on, but the question is how to transition our roads for the safety of vulnerable users and the well-being of drivers. We often wonder about the emotional impact on the young driver who hit Charlie.

We are therefore writing in firm support of the Short Term Alternative Plan 2 which features clear markings for cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles. This increases safety for all and works toward diminishing crash issues at this hazardous intersection.

Sincerely,

Judy and Ched Proctor

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Judy Proctor

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Dear Select Board,

We are both sad and surprised to hear the news that Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine has requested a vote for Option 1, new parking studies, and then a review of Options 1 and 2 before any changes to the fatal Appleton/Mass Ave intersection be made.

Our question is why?

- It's been 17 months since Charlie's death at the intersection. In that time there have been two bike crashes. One cyclist, Len Greenberg, still cannot walk. All have agreed for many years that the intersection is dangerous and lethal. Additional delays in changes are not acceptable.
- Numerous town boards have weighed in on Green International's plans. The Design Review Board and the town engineers have reviewed extensively with numerous meetings. The DRC voted 8-3 for Option 2.
- Option 1 proposes the use of "sharrows" counter to Arlington's Complete Streets guidelines, counter the MassDOT Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide from 2015. "Sharrows" on a downhill curve where heavy traffic, including MBTA buses and truck traffic, regularly goes above 35MPH is not appropriate.
- Bike lanes work. Sharrows do not. Bike lanes as proposed in Option 2 meet the safety and access needs of all vulnerable road users - bikers, ebikers, and pedestrians - as well as protecting the well-being of drivers who suffer from initiating a crash.

We respectively oppose Town Manager Chapdelaine's proposal and urge a vote for Option 2. Please act now.

Sincerely,

Judy and Ched Proctor

111 Sunnyside Avenue
Arlington, MA 02474
September 9, 2021

Select Board

730 Mass Ave.
Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Mass Ave/Appleton Design Review Committee Recommendation

Members of the Arlington Select Board,

I'm writing in regard to the safety improvements that have been proposed for the intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton Street.

My daily bicycle commute takes me up and down Mass Ave, heading west in the morning and east in the evening. I recognize this as a dangerous intersection and wish to provide two short video clips to illustrate these conditions. Both were recorded via a camera mounted on my bicycle's handlebars.

In the first video, I'm traveling east on Mass Ave, and nearly "left-hooked" by a pickup truck that was turning onto Appleton Street. (Fortunately, the driver noticed me in time and we avoided a collision.)

<https://archive.org/details/mass-ave-close-call-on-a-bicycle>

The second video was recorded while I was riding down Appleton Street, toward Mass Ave. It shows vehicles and pedestrians crossing paths every which way, in a rather uncontrolled manner.

<https://archive.org/details/appleton-mass-ave-traffic>

I encourage the board to approve the Design Review Committee's recommendation, with the bike lanes and other safety measures proposed.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Revilak