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To Whom it May Concern:

My husband and I live at 6 Egerton Street and wanted to voice support for the proposed redevelopment of 190 and 192-200 Massachusetts Avenue. We bought our condo in July 2020 and most of the real estate on that block of Massachusetts Avenue has been vacant since we arrived. In general, we are in favor of fewer vacant businesses, more residents, and increased neighborhood vibrancy. We also offer a counter to prior congestion/parking concerns that were brought up with the prior proposal. My husband and I share one car and both use public transit exclusively during the week, as many of our neighbors do given our proximity to Alewife station. Therefore, the assumption that adding new residents to the neighborhood automatically adds one extra car per person is flawed. Many people choose to live in East Arlington due to the proximity to public transit, walkability, and ease of bike commuting. Despite the potential inconveniences of construction, we are in full support of the project moving forward.

Sincerely,
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