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Dear Select Board Members

I am a registered voter and homeowner at the above address. I am also a preschool teacher working in the neighborhood where I live. I value my home and love the vibe of East Arlington where so much work and money has been invested in making this beautiful area pedestrian friendly. My home has been appreciating in value in large part due to the decisions you and others have made to capitalize on making East Arlington a pedestrian friendly and beautiful area.

I recently received notification that I believe will negatively impact my home and neighborhood. The application to allow a Wine, Spirits and Smoke shop to set up at 232 Massachusetts Ave goes against all that I feel is important to the area.

My home is literally feet away from this proposed addition and would change the traffic (currently there is no parking) and increase litter in the area. People "lighting up" outside of this package store would be feet from my bedroom window. I would be interested to know if anyone thinks this is a business you may want next to your home. I cannot think of any positives this business would add to the area. The closest liquor store is literally .4 miles from the proposed 232 Mass Ave location. I cannot see this as a necessary addition to help our neighborhood. The last thing this neighborhood needs is a package and smoke shop.

Thank you for your time in listening to my concerns.

Brian Burke