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**To:** Eugene Benson; Kin Lau; Stephen Revilak; Melisa Tintocalis; Rachel Zsebery

**Subject:** Strong Concern about the MBTA Communities Act Proposal

Dear ARB board members,

I am writing to you to express my strong concern about the MBTA Communities Act portion / proposal to allow building more than 3.5 times the minimum number required by Massachusetts.

As a tax-paying town resident of 17 years, I recall choosing Arlington to be home due to lack of congestion and the good schools reputation. I believe the town is already crowded as is, our teachers are taxed to keep up with the number of children in the classrooms, and the traffic is out of control for such a small town (specifically on the roads that intersect with the bike path, which we quit using~ 3-4 years ago as there were too many people and riders on it and it was hazardous for families with children).

Please think about the new high school that is being built, which with the proposed plan may already be undersized even before completion. Please also recall that we voted on increasing taxes several years ago with the promise of no tax increase for many years. Can the town abide by that promise while building 3.5 times of the required amounts of homes?

Please reconsider your plans and scale them to what realistically Arlington can bear to ensure the uniqueness of the town does not get impacted.

Thank you.

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