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Subject: MBTA Communities Working Group Proposal(s)

No doubt you are being inundated with emails on this topic. I write to express my strong opposition to any path but the minimum 2046-unit increase required by state law. Despite the good will and serious effort of the Working Group I believe they have reached a seriously flawed conclusion. I have analyzed their recommendations and also read many of the letters and documents circulated by ARFFR and other parties. I also have been doing my own detailed research and analysis.

Rather than bury you with repetitive detail, I will simply state that the recommendations of the Working Group are environmentally destructive, societally elitist and, for Arlington, financially ruinous.

If we now adopt the minimum requirement, we will have met our state obligation. If appropriate, this can always be enhanced in the future. I strongly recommend that the ARB adopt a moderating position that can be broadly supported in the community.

Regretfully, I cannot attend your hearing on 11 September, but I trust that you will reach a well-reasoned and moderate decision that preserves Arlington's core values for generations to come.

Respectfully,
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