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Hello,

I am a new Arlington resident, and I strongly support a push to increase the availability of multi-family housing in our town. The Arlington (and greater Boston as a whole) of today is not the same one that existed in 1975 when most of the current multi-family housing was built. The whole area has become a job hub like it was not before, but the amount of housing has not kept up with the explosion of jobs. This has benefitted existing homeowners, at least until they want to move, but at the cost of everyone else: young workers, families with kids, retirees looking to downsize, businesses looking for both workers and customers, and low-income families of all types.

The things that attracted my family to Arlington as a place to plant roots was that it was not a sleepy suburb with identical single-family homes, but it was a vibrant, walkable, and diverse community. I would want that to continue and expand, even if a housing undersupply would ostensibly benefit me as a new homeowner.

Thank you for your time,

Paul Ennever