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**To:** MBTA Communities

**Subject:** Suggestion

Hello MBTA Working Group,

As an Arlington resident who is on the fence about the discussion on the MBTA overlay proposal, I think the working group needs to do a better job explaining why we would want to "over-comply" with the state requirements. It would seem perfectly reasonable to meet the minimum state requirements, and then try to pass extra rezoning efforts through the usual town channels (free of any arbitrary state requirements). I don't think that over-complying to signal our town's inclusiveness is a very compelling argument. Is rezoning through the usual Town channels too slow, expensive, or difficult due to opposition? Such explanations could win you more community support and a smoother Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

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