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Subject: Support for Zoning Overlay - MBTA Comm. Act

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to say first thanks for your service to the town, and thanks very much for working on a plan to take a big step toward allowing construction of more multi-family housing in Arlington. I know this will be controversial, and it will change somewhat the character of the areas with more portion of multi-family housing. But we have to do something. The cost of entry to Arlington shouldn't be \$1M and the days of a family of 6-8 with maybe some uncles or grandparents in a single-family home are past. Most households are smaller now and we need more units to house the same number of people.

I looked at the map on-line and it looks pretty modest to me; it seems to focus on Mass Ave, Broadway and Paul Revere road. I live in little Scotland and would support a bit more denser development than the several new duplexes that have been built in my neighborhood; I don't think these detract from the neighborhood at all and we can now house twice the people on these lots. Prior I've lived in neighborhoods with mixed single family homes, double/triple deckers and multiple family housing in Cambridge and Oslo, Norway and it was quite nice and charming and promoted a more diverse and vibrant neighborhood.

Thanks again for your foresight and hard work and I hope the zoning overlay passes, I will be writing my TM reps.

Thank you,

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