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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to voice my firm, unwavering support for the development of affordable housing at 1021-1025 MA Ave, The Residences at Mill Brook project. This project will be constructed on my block, and I could not be more thrilled. What a fabulous development! Arlington needs more affordable housing desperately.

The lack of diverse housing options is hurting our town's ability to maintain a thriving population with multiple economic and cultural backgrounds. I personally know multiple people who have been priced out of Arlington, despite sometimes having over a hundred years of family roots in the town. In addition, Arlington's long history of disenfranchising non-white property owners means that we must take active steps to ensure that our community is available to all. Keeping our neighborhoods the same and refusing progress is, in effect, continuing Arlington's history of exclusion. This project is one step towards a more inclusive, viable future for our community.

Mixed use along the 77 bus line makes sense-- what a great way to support the use of public transit! Housing development within walking distance of grocery stores and within the heart of Brattle Square makes sense-- what a great way to support local businesses! Affordable housing in walking distance of our town's public orchard, the bike path, and Wellington Park (which the town has recently invested so much in to make it more usable to the community) makes sense-- what a great way to make our town's assets available to those who most need them! Everything about this project makes sense, and it is what I want to see on my block!

Thank you for your consideration of my letter as you consider this project.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Tuttle

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