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Dear public official at the State!
I moved to Somerville after college and have lived here for over 20 years. I just ditched my car a few months ago for several reasons, not the least of which is that I want to more fully embrace our public transit system and the burgeoning bicycle lanes that are finally turning the Somerville/Cambridge/Boston area into a much more attractive and safe place to get around. I love this area and feel proud that all three cities are moving in this direction. I also think its truly an investment in attracting others to the area. I really mean that. The couple that just purchased a home next door to me own a car but both commute to work by bicycle and public transport, and they were drawn to this area specifically because of what they saw as the growing infrastructure in this neighborhood in alternative transportation methods.

When I read about the proposed delays yet again of the green line extension, I simply could not believe it....even though I'm pretty cynical generally, and of course knew that the original planning would see several delays. But...COME ON! Why is Somerville getting the short end of the stick yet again?! What a great opportunity to employ a lot of people in the building industry - plus my understanding is that there is a lot of federal money that we may lose out on if we continue to delay.

Please consider this quick and informal email to be a formal vote against further green line extension delays, from a resident who knows she also speaks for many others who will not be writing emails of their own!

Sincerely,
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