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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to protest the State's recent decision to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX). I am tremendously disappointed in this decision. The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act, and more than that, it is critically important to local communities, sustainability, and the development of a vibrant Boston area. I urge the State to meet its legal and environmental obligations (SIP air quality and federal Transportation Conformity Measures) by keeping the project to its December 31, 2014 deadline. Full funding must be identified in the Boston MPO's 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Delaying the GLX would:

- Needlessly cost taxpayers statewide an extra $200 million - or more - plus the added costs of air quality mitigation to offset the new delays.
- Jeopardize the State's federal transportation funding - $650 million per year!
- Delay the Community Path, since the two projects need to be designed and built together.

The GLX project is a wonderful transportation project that will help curb greenhouse gases and provide economic opportunities regionally and to the State. As a 30-year-old Medford resident who moved to the area for graduate school and would love to stay, I must say that transit options make a huge difference in how I plan my day and my future in Boston. I love my neighborhood and would like to commit to staying here and helping it grow, and the promise of the GLX has been a major part of my optimism about Medford and my ability to access job opportunities elsewhere in the metro area. This most recent delay is extremely disappointing on multiple levels: not only does it seem that my transit options will continue to be slim and frustrating for the foreseeable future, but I feel a fool for the optimism and reassurance I've vocally demonstrated to my friends and neighbors who have lived here longer and learned to be let down by promises of better transit options.

It is not too late to reverse this decision, to abide by the law and to make Boston, Somerville and Medford much more transit-accessible to the tens or hundreds of thousands of people who want and need

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-Alasdair Gray