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Hello,

As a person interested in opening a business in Somerville, the Green Line Extension is tremendously important to my plans for future business investment in Massachusetts.

In the next year, I will be deciding whether to move members of my family to Massachusetts to start a business together. Without a firm state commitment on the Green Line Extension, making this kind of move is unlikely.

Delaying the project makes it harder for those of us who want to start new businesses to make the leap and invest in our communities. The Green Line Extension has become a joke among entrepreneurs: "That will happen as soon as the Green Line comes to Somerville" is the now equivalent of "when pigs fly". This is shameful. The one thing entrepreneurs need most is certainty. We have to honestly believe that certain conditions will exist in the future in order to invest sweat and money.

A realistic commitment to the Green Line Extension could jump-start investment in the community and new businesses long before the final track is laid.

Thank you for your time,

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