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Dear MA Transportation Decision-makers,

We can't afford to delay the Green Line extension anymore. Please re-think this decision and consider the people of Somerville, Medford and surrounding communities, like myself, who have been waiting for and counting on this for so long.

I, like so many others, took time out of my busy schedule to participate in Green Line extension planning meetings in the community and did so because I was excited about the possibilities for my city, my neighbor and myself. I believed in the timeline we were told, even though a lifetime of living in Massachusetts and using the T told me that there would be endless delays and not to expect this to ever happen. And now, once again, experience has trumped hope and you are delaying this project.

Please consider that extending the Green Line will create a sustainable transportation option for communities in this very densely populated area--communities that need this option to get to work, to go shopping, to run errands and access medical care. Unfortunately buses just aren't reliable enough when you really have to be somewhere on time. So without the Green Line people have to rely on cars that are expensive and pollute, hurting their pocketbooks and the environment.

And consider the economy. Construction creates jobs and we need jobs now more than ever. And with the economy floundering, this is an extraordinarily cheap time to build. A delay will up the cost considerably. Not to mention, that with better access to transit, people will have better access to employment, which our community needs.

And don't forget that a delay could mean the Commonwealth loses millions of dollars of Federal transportation money.

For these and so many more reasons, we can't afford to delay the Green Line extension!

Thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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