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To whom it may concern,
I was deeply upset to hear that the state is planing further delays on the green line and failing to meet its SIP transit commitments and legal obligation. Not only is this project essential to improving health in Somerville, failure to meet these legal obligations could jeopardize the State's federal transportation funding, a loss of $650 million per year.

Additionally, the delay of the Green Line would have a serious economic impact regionally - denying a key regional transit link for employers, universities, research centers and residents; missing the valuable opportunity to create much needed construction jobs; and costing taxpayers across the state $200 million or more, plus the costs of required air quality mitigation to offset the delay. These costs are simply unacceptable and can be easily mitigated by pushing forward with the green line and sticking with the original timeline.

Other regions around the country including Salt Lake City, Utah and Dallas, Texas have recently built light rail on time and sometimes under budget, and I have every confidence that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can do the same.

Thank you,
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