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To the Newton Traffic Council:

I am writing in support of the Traffic Council's September 15 decision to place a stop sign at the intersection of Berkeley and Exeter Streets in West Newton.

I live just around the corner from the Berkeley/Exeter intersection and frequently walk through that intersection. The intersection lies just at the beginning of a school zone leading to the Peirce Elementary School. In my experience, cars exiting Commonwealth Avenue frequently speed up Exeter Street toward Berkeley and do not come to a full stop at the intersection before turning onto Berkeley Street. Given the volume of pedestrian traffic along Berkeley Street (especially school children and their families walking to and from Peirce), a stop sign at that intersection would be a reasonable and prudent traffic calming measure.

I am confused and frankly shocked that any of my neighbors would appeal the Traffic Council's decision to place a stop sign at the Berkeley/Exeter intersection. Concern about "sign clutter" seems completely unfounded. As the attached picture of the intersection from Google maps shows, the intersection currently has no other traffic signage. Therefore, the addition of a single stop sign cannot reasonably be considered to be visual clutter.

I urge the City Council not to rescind the Traffic Council's decision to place a stop sign at the Berkeley/Exeter intersection.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

**Meryl Kessler
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