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Dear Honorable Councilors:

I write to ask you to deny the appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC46-22.

Briefly, a stop sign requested at a T-intersection on a school walking route (presumably by a concerned neighbor) was appealed by other neighbors purportedly worried about “sign clutter.”

I live around the corner and about four houses from the disputed sign. I often walk and bike through this intersection. I have seen vehicles moving quite quickly through it from Commonwealth Avenue without stopping as they enter this residential neighborhood. In addition, mature plantings on the southeast corner and a fence on the southwest corner limit sightlines.

While I very much respect my neighbors who appealed the decision of the Traffic Council regarding this single stop sign, I feel more strongly that the reasonable request for a stop sign on a school walking route as well as the deliberations and decisions of the Traffic Council assisted and informed by expert staff must be upheld as a matter of policy.

Generally, I believe, we must do all we can to inform and slow motorists through our city to provide quite reasonable protections for our pedestrians — particularly school children — and bicyclists, even if we risk “sign clutter.”

Respectfully, please deny the appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC46-22.

Thank you for your work on this and on so many other important matters.

Sincerely,

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