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Dear Ms. Kritzer,

I'm writing to support the use of a portion of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to restore the bell tower at Grace Church on Eldredge Street in Newton Corner. This majestic and historic building adds so much to the Farlow and Kenrick Parks Historic District. The area is a lovely reminder of Newton Corner's past and the bells add so much to the character of the neighborhood. It brings beauty into our lives.

This is important to me. I grew up in Newton Corner and still have my family home (195 Church Street 02458), which I hope to return to some day. I'm old enough to remember when the Mass Turnpike was built in the 1960's. The village of Newton Corner was torn in half and the negative effects are still felt. The historic district provides an oasis from the traffic, congestion and noise. The historic Grace Church and the bell tower are a cornerstone of this district so the loss of the tower would diminish it.

Please consider the expenditure of CPA funds to sustain this area of beauty and historical significance in Newton Corner.

Thank you for listening.

Best wishes-

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