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Dear Councilor Lappin

I believe that Newton needs more developments like Washington Place that will provide affordable housing beyond what is required by law. This project in particular will add an extra 10% of middle class housing on top of the 15% that is mandated across Massachusetts. There is currently a drastic shortage of moderately priced housing (especially rental housing) in Newton and it's pushing many people to begrudgingly relocate. Many senior citizens and young people in particular are having a very difficult time with finding a roof over their head in Newton that fits in the budget. This is a real problem that is adversely affecting our community in a fundamental way. I hope that our elected leaders will get behind this project and others like it.

Your leadership on this important matter has already been exemplary and I look forward to seeing the Council take another positive step toward addressing this terrible challenge.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robin Rothkopf".