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**To:** Neil Wishinsky  
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Board of Selectmen  
Brookline Town Hall  
333 Washington Street

Brookline, MA 02445

Dear Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Board:

I am the owner of a condo at 30 Longwood Avenue. My daughter, Shari Zakim, lives there. The reason I purchased in this particular building for my daughter is that Shari is a wheelchair user. Coolidge Corner, and particularly this address, is an extremely accessible location for her. There are many people who use wheelchairs living in this section of Coolidge Corner.

One concern that I have always had is the traffic from Trader Joe's when customers cross Sewall Avenue. There is often a steady flow of customers crossing Longwood and Sewall Avenues. My concern is that a driver rushing along may not see someone at the wheelchair level. It is already congested during the day and, in fact, Trader Joe's already hires off duty police officers to manage the traffic flow.

Between the post office and Temple Sinai's congregants, Sewall Avenue is often blocked with cars double and triple parked, as well as vehicles pulled over onto the sidewalk. People in wheelchairs have to move out into the street to avoid these vehicles. The addition of 108 units with 178 vehicles is a daunting prospect to me. The developer's parking plan involves valets using elevators and the delivery plan is that trucks will use the Sewall Avenue entrance. I worry about Shari and others crossing through all of that traffic.

Although I support bringing affordable housing to Coolidge Corner, the traffic issues in this 40B proposal will surely cause safety hazards to all the citizens in the area, most especially for wheelchair users. I encourage you to reject this proposal. It is clearly a threat to safety and accessibility in the area.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Joyce Zakim

cc: Ms. Alison Steinfeld, Director, Planning and Community Development Department  
Ms. Stephanie Orsini, Town of Brookline