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Dear members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

I wanted to take a moment to comment on the public transportation situation in the South Brookline neighborhood. I know that Chestnut Hill Realty has told you that the public transportation in our neighborhood is excellent, and that there will be no impact, but I wanted to share with you some real, raw data. I ride the 51 bus every day to and from work. I attach a picture of the bus during this morning's commute. When the bus arrived at Grove and Russet, it was fully packed with no standing room left. By the next stop at Putterham Circle, there were seven people over the yellow line at the front of the bus. I would describe this more as dangerous and not excellent public transportation. This is very typical day and you can imagine what it will be like after the expansion.

I also wanted to mention that the traffic situation is also very bad on Bonad road. I know that the focus has been on Russet and Beverly, but the traffic problems extend beyond this. This was not discussed at the meeting. Many Hancock Village residents do not take Russet road to avoid the light on this street and instead, cut through to Bonad road. I observed 17 cars waiting at Bonad road and Grove this morning. As you can imagine, it is almost impossible to back out of a driveway. It also makes it very dangerous for my young daughter to cross the street.

I ask one thing of you. The people of South Brookline have been abused by Chestnut Hill Realty, their lawyers, and Mass Development. No one has represented us up to this point. I ask you to stand up for the 99% who live in this community. All we are asking is that you enforce the zoning laws of the community.

Thank you.

Joseph Italiano

