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Dear Cambridge City Council,

We are writing in support of the extension of BA-3 commercial zoning to also cover our even-sided block of Western Avenue from the block next door between Jay and Howard Streets. We are in support of this City Council petition initiated by our neighbors Kiril and Catherine Alexandrov who own 158 Western Avenue and also live around the corner at 406 Franklin Street. This will help support small businesses like theirs in a live where you work community and continue to maintain the interesting mixed-use character of our neighborhood that has been in existence for decades. With the rapid rise of mega office and lab spaces as well as variance granting which has allowed many home-owners to build additional residential structures in their backyard that has altered the existing density ratios, we feel that we would like to have the freedom to have a progressive voice towards how we choose use our buildings on this even-sided block of Western Avenue.

We thank you for your fair consideration to this matter,

Sincerely,

Jayne B. Patterson

162 Western