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To: Mayor
Cc: Lopez, Donna; Smith, Jefferson; Jessica Lipman; Dave Lipman
Subject: Public Testimony on Policy Order 0-11, September 15, 2014

To Whom This May Concern,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am submitting this statement as an 11-year resident of Cambridge, owner of five Cambridge properties, father of two toddlers, avid cyclist, and recent truck/cyclist accident victim as a cyclist.

I am very much in favor of the petition would require retrofit of safety guards on city-owned heavy trucks that frequently operate on the city streets (e.g., waste disposal trucks) as this modification might prevent significant pain and suffering and make Cambridge a safer place for cyclists and pedestrians.

Furthermore, I would be in favor of extending the petition to a second phase requiring all city-contractors to adhere to the same standard for work within the City of Cambridge. I realize that a single city might have difficulty enforcing unique requirements, but this may be phased in as nearby communities, like Boston, which has a piece of proposed legislation named "The Act to Protect Vulnerable Road Users" requiring trucks used in Boston to adopt similar requirements -- creating a network effect for local demand for services provided via safety-compliant vehicles.

My personal story is that I was struck by a garbage truck while cycling to work last Wed morning at the corner of Harvard and Inman and both of my legs were run over by one of the truck's front wheels, breaking my left leg and crushing my right foot. Despite the pain and daunting/humbling recovery path ahead, I am thankful that things were not much worse than they are and that I am going to be able to watch my kids grow up.

I am at home recovering from my injuries and cannot make it to tonight's hearing, but I'd like to put some energy against to make sure that preventable trauma like mine (or worse) does not happen to any other Cambridge resident, or anyone else more broadly. Feel free to call me during the hearing if at all helpful and I would also be happy to follow-up. My mobile is 978-886-9240.

Best regards,

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