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Robert W. Healy, City Manager  
Cambridge Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am Director of Alef-Bet Child Care, which has been operating out of 8 Tremont Street since 1988. The center is open year round, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. I am writing in support of the neighborhood petition to install a speed bump at the intersection of Tremont and Gardner and a sign indicating children at play before Alef-Bet Child Care. In this petition, the neighbors cited excessive speed used by motorists travelling on Tremont St between Hampshire St and Broadway, which has been a concern to us and to other families on the street for some time. We are just 3 or 4 houses away from the stop sign on the corner of Broadway and Tremont and at that distance, the cars have not yet slowed down to approach the stop sign and seem to be travelling well over the speed limit. This becomes especially dangerous during drop off and pick up time. Parents have frequently expressed concern over the speed of cars on Tremont Street. in front of our center. Last year, the snow banks were considerably taller than most of the children in our school, further diminishing pedestrian safety by limiting visibility.

We believe a speed bump or traffic calming measures would greatly enhance the safety of the children of Alef-Bet Child Care and those who live on Tremont St. I am hoping you will consider this pro-active measure to create a safer environment in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jerry Abelow

cc: Richard Rossi  
Brian Murphy