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Subject: Support for Bike and Bus Lanes in the City of Malden
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Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment and maintenance of bike and bus lanes in the City of Malden. I understand that two non-binding questions have been proposed for inclusion on the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election ballot, and I would like to voice my opposition to these proposals.

The first proposed question suggests removing all bus and bike lanes from Route 60 and prohibiting future lanes that may reduce motor vehicle traffic lanes or parking. I believe that bike and bus lanes are essential for creating a more sustainable, efficient, and inclusive transportation system in our city. These lanes promote alternative modes of transportation, reduce congestion, lower emissions, and enhance safety for all road users. Removing existing lanes and preventing future ones would hinder our city's progress toward a more environmentally friendly and accessible community.

The second proposed question seeks to prohibit bike lanes that create traffic lanes that are bumped out. Bike lanes with these features are designed to improve cyclist safety by increasing visibility and reducing the risk of collisions. They also contribute to a more attractive and livable cityscape. Prohibiting such lanes would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of our residents.

I believe that rather than removing or prohibiting bike and bus lanes, the City of Malden should be actively promoting and expanding these infrastructure improvements. They align with the broader goals of reducing traffic congestion, enhancing public health, and mitigating climate change. Many cities across the United States have successfully implemented bike and bus lanes to the benefit of their residents, and Malden should follow suit.

I respectfully request that you consider the positive impact that bike and bus lanes can have on our community and refrain from including these proposed questions on the ballot. Instead, let us focus on implementing and expanding these essential elements of a modern, sustainable transportation system in the City of Malden.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will prioritize the best interests of our city and its residents in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,
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