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Dear Clerk and Councilors,

I am writing in FIRM support of papers 307-23 and 308-23. For far too long, The Malden City Council and the City has ignored the will of its citizens, whether it be on overbuilding of Apartment buildings or, like now, Bike and Bus lanes that were pushed thru during a global pandemic, following a Zoom meeting which wasn't well attended, and just magically appeared after the 2021 Municipal elections along Route 60. Many of Malden's residents have dismayed that they didn't get a chance to voice their opinion in a referendum, which should have taken place. Did I mention that this was done during a Global Pandemic, which forced Millions of people to work from home, thus the traffic impacts weren't fully felt until more of these workers went back to their offices?? I guess nobody paid attention to that little detail??

To address certain comments by members of this Body calling this meeting a "Circus": The last time I checked, American Citizens have the RIGHT to petition and address grievances with their elected officials. Isn't that one of the several reasons why the American Revolution fought and members of the then Town of Malden pledged to support in the Town Instructions of May 27<sup>th</sup> 1776?? Would we call that meeting a "Circus" as well if that same meeting was held today??

I also stand in FIRM support of paper 312-23. the Councilor who was found to have violated state conflict of interest laws should, for the better of Council, the City, and the Citizens she claims to represent, step down immediately. This conduct is 100% unacceptable, period. End of Story. Why the city has failed to address these allegations either thru a social media post or press release is unfathomable to me. Now had this been either of the Councilors that are co-sponsors of this paper, we all know what would happen-Social media posts condemning the "conduct" of these 3 Councilors, Multiple Press Releases, and TV Stations camping outside their homes and residences, and endless protests at City Hall led by other Councilors on this body. Come to mention it, there were no local TV stations for this particular councilor with a CONFIRMED and SUSTAINED conflict of interest charge. I, along with several others, would like to know why that is the case??

I urge all Councilors to support these papers unanimously.

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