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To Whom this may concern,

My name is Kimberly A. Goodman and I live at 66 Cliff Street in Malden. I have been a lifelong resident of Malden. Being from Ward 6 I have worked with Councilman Steven Winslow in beautification efforts in our neighborhood. I have also been able to enjoy like with some many other families the fourth of July celebration held at Trafton Park.

I would first like to mention that everyone every year for the past few years when they walk by Maplewood square, or they walk by Cliff Street Gardens that the neighbors and I have worked with Councilman Winslow to obtain flowers, there has not been one family or person that has walked by and admired the beauty of the flowers in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Without the funds to do this, the city area that we fill with flowers and maintain it with our efforts of watering throughout the season would be a muddy 6 ft wide by 11 ft long with just an over growth of weeds that the city does not maintain and will not maintain. With some people walking by, if they did not see the flowers and the huge amount of effort our neighbors put into it, they would be throwing their trash and it would be a dumping ground for their dogs to defecate.

As far as the fourth of July celebration. It is the only time of year that any families get together to celebrate the birthday of our nation, and as Maldonians meet one another, greet one another, smile, laugh, and enjoy. It brings the residents in Ward 6 together under the guidance of Councilman Winslow and the many volunteers that take the time and their resources to fulfill the many games for the children, the food, the contests and just the recognition of us as a city coming together for the fourth of July. If the vote gets cast the decision is made that the funds would be taken away? We are not making our city nothing but brick and cement. If you take away the funding for the fourth of July festivities we have nothing to celebrate as a community.

A city with so many schools, school age children, working parents, families, we have a holiday that makes us all united yet there is a discussion of taking away the funding. Hadn't Malden's residents had enough things taken away. We used to have Holiday parades, Memorial Day parades. Now we have to skip over to Melrose to even get to meet Santa at Christmas because Malden can't get it together, to make our city a brighter family friendly place? Malden needs to stand for more than what we have allowed it to shrivel down to. Give us residents the joy of whether it be the fourth of July celebration, or some beautification efforts that many of us take our time and effort to plant and grown, in fact we as residents even take time watering these flowers at a cost of our own just to try to help our environment look a little nicer. There seems to be no compromise, for example if the cost is too expensive then, just lower it and let people work with something, something is better than nothing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly A. Goodman and the residents of Ward 6