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Waltham, Massachusetts 02154
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Cambridge City Council
c/o Council Clerk
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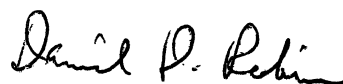
Dear Councilmen:

On the television news tonight I saw an exposition of the plan proposed by the "Planning for People" group for closing Harvard Square to vehicle traffic except for service access. I understand that this plan will soon come before the Council. Therefore, I wish to register my strong approval of the plan and urge its implementation.

As a frequent shopper in Harvard Square, I can assure you that the inconvenience to those traveling by auto would be indeed minimal, since this area is chronically jammed and often nearly impassable anyway, and in a hospitable, well-developed shopping area like the Square it is no hardship to walk a few blocks from parking at the Mt. Auburn Street municipal lot or elsewhere.

As for the situation faced by a shopper once he has left his car, and by those who come by public transit, I agree utterly with the contention of the Planning for People group that it is hazardous and tedious to battle the continuous stream of cars and impossible to shop in a leisurely way due to the insufficiency of the sidewalks. Surely the present discomforts of walking in Harvard Square discourage more business right now than would be kept away by the proposed re-routing of traffic--which would itself be a boon to those motorists wishing to bypass the Square and its masses of people.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel D. Rubin

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Communication from Daniel D. Rubin, 74 School
St., Waltham registering his strong approval
of a proposed plan for closing Harvard Sq.
to vehicular traffic except for service
access

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