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Cambridge City Council
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Dear Councillors:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my members to reaffirm our opposition to the Gregory Petition for 205 and 210 Broadway in Cambridge. We are advocates for the Bulfinch compromise plan that includes voluntary downzoning of the project as well as a one and a half million dollar investment to the community.

Our feeling is that it is time for the City Council to collectively see through these petitions as transparent efforts to halt development in Cambridge by a few educated and noisy residents with a lot of time on their hands. This has seriously negative implications not only for future development, but also for local businesses, area workers and the economic vitality of the community.

Like most residents, we want to see responsible development in Cambridge. Unlike the Gregory petitioners, we do not want to stop development or drive out business. The Bulfinch Company has acted responsibly; it is the petitioners who are behaving irresponsibly.

Before these downzoning petitions become even more of a farce the Council should act on behalf of that politically powerless elements in the community that stand to gain from the linkage benefits from these projects and who deserve to do so. Otherwise, future economic growth and economic good health will be imperiled.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Power
Business Representative

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