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To the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals:

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition (CNC) Steering Committee in support of the proposed development of 1791 Massachusetts Ave and 1 and 2 Frost Street to create affordable housing units.

The CNC Steering Committee applauds the developers for attempting to create more affordable housing in the Agassiz neighborhood, with a focus on units for families. Cambridge is experiencing an affordable housing crisis, with a particular need for units with multiple bedrooms for families. Private developments can help to alleviate this problem. There is little affordable housing in this region of the city, and the proximity to public transportation makes this an ideal location.

The CNC Steering Committee is comprised of fourteen non-profit agencies and organizations from across the city. Our agencies and organizations serve a diverse population of thousands of low-income individuals and families. On behalf of all our program participants we recommend that the Board of Zoning Appeals support this project in moving forward and providing many families with long-term affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition Steering Committee