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BY EMAIL (jondavis@mbta.com)

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Re: Proposed Elimination of MBTA Bus Routes in Malden

Dear Mr. Davis:

I write to express my great disappointment about this week's announcement wherein the MBTA proposed cuts to twelve (12) bus routes that serve the people of Malden. Specifically, I am very troubled with the "scenario 2" elimination of the following bus routes:

- **Bus 106:** Services Franklin Sq. or Lebanon Street Loop to Wellington Station;
- **Bus 108:** Services Linden Square to Wellington Station;
- **Bus 411:** Services Malden Station to Granada Highlands/Revere Jack Satter House (this service to run on weekdays only); and
- **Bus 430:** Services Saugus to Malden Station (this service to run on Sundays only).

With only four different bus routes providing service to the entire east side of our city, via the Salem Street corridor, there are many senior citizens as well as high school students who will be left with very few transportation options under the proposed cuts. These severe reductions, paired with the total elimination of bus routes 106 & 108, will force a bottleneck of commuters that is sure to overwhelm the 411 weekday route.

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Furthermore, much of our senior population depends on these routes. The only option for Forestdale Senior Housing residents to get into the heart of Malden is by taking the bus at the 106 Lebanon Loop. Additionally, three other major senior housing facilities: Atria Maplewood Place, 630 Salem Street and Salem Towers are also located on those bus lines serving the Salem Street corridor. Many of those residents no longer drive, making this MBTA service crucial to maintaining their independence.

I strongly request that you reconsider the removal/reduction of these four vital bus lines. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this situation further.

Very truly yours,



Gary Christenson
Mayor, City of Malden

cc: State Senator Katherine Clark
State Representative Paul Donato
State Representative Christopher Fallon
State Representative Stephen Smith
State Representative Paul Brodeur
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