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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am pleased to report the home rule petition relative to the city's Inman Square Intersection Improvement plan was recently enacted by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. A copy of the signed parchment is attached to this email. Thank you to the legislature's Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government and to my colleague Senator Sal DiDomenico for working with me to advance this petition over the course of the past two months.

As an avid cyclist and frequent patron of Inman Square businesses, and as someone who enjoys the Vellucci Community Plaza, I recognize the urgent need to protect our city's tree canopy and improve safety for all users. Over the course of the past year, I have met on several occasions with a number of interested constituents and advocates on all sides of this issue. I have encouraged all interested parties to make their voices heard at Cambridge City Hall, as I believe the city council is the legislative body best positioned to render a decision on a local land use matter such as this.

Moving forward, I will continue to encourage all residents and concerned parties to work with city officials to consider the best possible way to implement the Inman Square improvements. My hope is that the city will continue to consider refinements to the plan while working to mitigate its impact on our local businesses and tree canopy. We can look to the recent efforts made by Harvard University at the Smith Campus Center as an example of how trees can be replaced in a robust fashion following a construction project.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, and thank you for all that you do for our city.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Connolly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long tail on the final letter.

Mike Connolly