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Hello:

I am writing to you in regard to better traffic patterns and pedestrian safety in Somerville. At about 10:45am on 2/21/24, I was running on the side walk and through a cross walk located in Ball Square when I was hit by a car. The car drove off and I was unfortunately unable to obtain their information. As I was sharing my story with community members, I learned that this is a common occurrence especially for runners. I am advocating for safer pedestrian procedures and policies within the city. Things that can be helpful would be better painted cross walks, stop lights with the blinking red lights, and raised cross walks.

Driver negligence is an epidemic, however, safer pedestrian areas could at least, limit injuries and accidents. It is my hope that you to advocate for better infrastructure and increase pedestrian safety. Especially in areas where the road infrastructure is not up to par.

I would be happy to talk more about it and share ideas.

Thank you for your time,

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