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Good afternoon,

My name is Tobias Nethercott, and I am one of your constituents here in Somerville.

Over the past 2 months, the Massachusetts cities of Worcester, Cambridge, and Boston have formally declared themselves as Sanctuary Cities for the LGBTQ+ Community.

As a trans individual, the current political climate of the United States has me genuinely afraid for my long term safety. Every day, I see new clips of politicians and government officials declaring their desire to eradicate "transgenderism," "gender ideology," and the "woke mind virus," all of which are terms used to dehumanize me and my trans siblings and distract from the fact that we are people, not just an idea. Saying you want to eradicate transgender people would make their genocidal intent too obvious to the complacent centrists who continue to allow our current administration to ratchet American politics further and further to the authoritarian right.

I want to politely petition that you follow in the footsteps of Worcester, Cambridge, and Boston, and declare Somerville a Sanctuary City for the LGBTQ+ Community. This action would send a message to our entire queer population and our allies that the city of Somerville really and truly has our backs in what is ultimately a fight for our right to exist in peace.

Thank you for your time,  
Tobias Nethercott (she/her, they/them)