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To: [City Clerk Contact](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Countermanding a signature on a petition
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Some time ago I signed a petition, linked below, that I've been regretting.

In short, I feel misled, and I did a poor job validating the petition.

I failed to fully read the petition at the time, which I understand is my fault, but after some considerations I'd like to void my signature on the basis of the petition's lack of merit and that I feel it was misrepresented. I'm told this is currently not possible, so instead consider this a counter comment to my own signature. I am copying my ward councillor, as I feel this is relevant to the consideration of this petition during the city council meeting tomorrow.

During my conversation with the person offering a pair of petitions, I was assured that the goal was to improve access to public process for more people, to increase safety, and better our street scape. I *specifically* asked if a goal of the petition was to delay safety improvements, and was told it was not. I did not realise that this petition directly calls for delays to safety improvements (since I was told it would not cause delays), which in my view is tantamount to directly implementing unsafe streets (and carries responsibility for any injury or death caused by the delay).

In further consideration, I realised that the writer of this petition is clearly unaware of the city's extant data collection on bike and pedestrian traffic, and the wealth of data available from blue bikes and from the mbta as to usage of multiple modes, and in the case of the mbta, traffic along roads with bus lanes.

This seems to be a blatant effort to waste city funds while increasing the likelihood that someone will be killed or seriously injured on city streets, and not a serious proposal.

Should the petitioners maintain a request for further data, I entreat them to look towards the data collection done as part of the Holland Street Safety Plan, which gave an excellent overview of mode share along Holland Street.

The referenced petition is on the agenda as **"63 registered voters submitting comments regarding bicycle and bus lanes."** [REDACTED]

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