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Cc: [REDACTED]; Tom Bent; Adam Dash; Thomas P. Sullivan; Kristin Phelan; Sean Selby; John Wiseman; Jack Connolly
Subject: City Council Item 25-1044 Amending Sections 7-64 and 7-65 voted out of Legislative Matters on July 1st and scheduled for Ordainment July 10 2025

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Honorable City Council Members

I am emailing to advise the City Council NOT TO APPROVE the recommendation of the Legislative Matters Committee to amend the Condo Conversion Ordinance as voted at the Legislative Matters Committee on July 1.

I am agreeing wholeheartedly with the letter from the Somerville Chamber Of Commerce's executive Director Wendy Dalwin and the Somerville Chamber Government Affairs Committee, of which I am a longtime member.

As a former elected official who served both at the ward and at large capacities for many years, approving this major substantive change in the Condo conversion ordinance at the July 10th City Council is a real travesty of transparency.

I am very much troubled by this decision being made on July 1st at the beginning of a long Fourth of July holiday weekend, and not to consider conducting a public hearing, or to somehow receive public comment is very troubling and anything but transparent.

Please DO NOT approve this recommendation of the Legislative Matters committee, and move to leave this item in the committee, with the request for a public hearing be conducted at some point in the near future; As mentioned in the Somerville Chamber letter, "it is important to hear opposing points of view as an elected official, as nobody can know the possible impact of a vote without hearing from those on all sides who will be impacted by it. Public comment is the only way to make a fully informed decision on anything, but that did not happen here."

It is my humble opinion that this item should remain in the Committee of Legislative Matters, and a public hearing on this matter be held in the near future.

I submit that this is the only fair and transparent action that should occur.

Appreciatively,

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