

[COMPANY NAME]
[COMPANY ADDRESS]
Woburn, MA 01801

[DATE]

Ms. Victoria Ireton
Deputy Director of Community Engagement
MBTA
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3830
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Proposed MBTA Bus Network Redesign

Dear Ms. Ireton:

As the MBTA considers route changes as part of the Bus Network Redesign project, I am writing on behalf of [Company] to express concern about the proposed changes limiting service to Woburn, particularly the elimination of the route 354 express bus service.

This route is the most efficient means of public transportation to and from Boston for employees of [Company] and hundreds of other organizations in this booming business corridor who rely on the MBTA for their travel to and from work. The redesign, by MBTA's own calculations, would double the commute between State Street station and West Cummings Park from 30 minutes to more than one hour, while requiring our employees to transfer to the 133 bus route from the Orange Line or Commuter Rail. The proposal increases the number of stops from 4—on route 354—to 38 (plus 6 additional stops on the Orange Line)—on route 133.

Staff members' concerns about this potential change include not only the 100% increase in commuting time, but additional, related consequences, such as the injurious impact on working parents' ability to meet childcare drop-off and pick-up times, increased potential for weather-related travel delays, and the prospect of a substantially less reliable means of transport.

The loss of this service will impair our ability to attract and retain a superior workforce, and detrimentally impact the ability for Boston-area residents to reasonably commute to excellent, well-paying jobs. Our organization respectfully requests that the 354 express bus route not be eliminated; rather, we urge that it be maintained.

Sincerely,

[SENDER NAME]
[SENDER TITLE]