Dear Mr. Cohen,

About 5 months ago I moved to the Back Bay from Metrowest. I have recently heard about the 1000 Boylston Street Article 80 Project Notification Form design proposed by Weiner Ventures. I am writing to you to express my opposition to this project. From what I understand the PNF states that I and the rest of the community want this project. We certainly would never want something so extensive to overwhelm the space and the historic neighborhood. The developer disregarded the Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights prepared by the BRA and the guidelines prepared by the Citizens for Reasonable Turnpike Development and the community view for this part of the city.This project would not add anything desirable to the neighborhood and might ruin it to a great extent.

I knew when I moved from the suburbs to the city I would lose a great deal of green space, there would be more traffic, more people and wind tunnels that I have experienced. However, this project , with the buildings as tall as the Prudential will impact all of the things I just mentioned. No green space has been planned and the traffic would greatly increase if the buildings add 300 plus residential units, plus retail space which could turn into 200 or 300 more cars! The shadows from these buildings would spread to Comm Ave and perhaps beyond! Also,it would definitely cast shadows on my building and my unit which needless to say I would not be happy with so much shade on my now sunny windows!

Also, I am wondering what the impact would be on our fire and police departments. I look over to the fire house on Boylston St. and I see how extremely busy that station is! I don’t know how they could keep up with even more residents and more commercial businesses.

I don’t think anyone is trying to completely stop any project for the area. Of course,development is part of any city. BUT please take the long term view and do not allow these developers (or any developers) to ignore the design considerations imbedded in the Civic Vision and the widespread concerns of our and now “my” new neighborhood!!

We would like additional studies prepared with complete environmental impact reports for the following alternatives:

A design based on the Weiner Samuels submission to MassDOT in 2013, the design the CAC reviewed when recommending the Samuels Weiner team for parcels 12 & 15.

A design that meets the underlying zoning(no PDA) and does not request the City to cede air rights over streets and sidewalks.

I am so happy to be living in this beautiful, friendly, historic city!!

Thank you for your time,

Anne Prendergast