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I'm writing to express my support for Article 53. The bonus provisions were carefully designed and approved through a year-long public process, and they are meant to allow extra mass/height only for significantly-sized commercial spaces or a significant increase in Affordable units. Parking and other uses of the ground-floor area should not be subtracted before calculating commercial space requirements. These types of calculations would be inconsistent with what Town Meeting approved, thus leaving us with undersized commercial spaces. The intent of the bylaw is to prioritize substantial, viable commercial space in exchange for additional development allowances.

Please vote yes on 53.