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Dear Chris,

We read with interest the Philadelphia Parking Authority's announcement that it was forming a special, bicycle-mounted unit of enforcement officers. Their mission: Write tickets for motor vehicles parked illegally in bike lanes and bus lanes in Center City and University City.

It's worth noting that people parking in this way often don't see any option, because there are no spaces available in the parking lane.

CCRA has been looking at the issue of parking congestion in our area for some time. We have been discussing the idea of creating one or two loading zone spaces per block in areas such as Pine and Spruce from Broad Street to 22nd, where there are bike lanes and where the parking lane is almost always at 100 percent occupancy or higher. The loading spaces would operate during the day and then revert to regular spaces in the evening.

After the PPA announcement, CCRA surveyed its members regarding this notion, and 83% of respondents replied affirmatively to the idea.

We would like to see a loading zone pilot for Pine and Spruce between Broad and 22nd. We think this should be done in conjunction with the PPA's enforcement pilot.

We would be happy to collaborate with you on this project, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gross

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