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## Natick Sanctuary town status

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To: Selectboard@natickma.org

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Dear Natick Selectboard members,

I am writing to you all today in regards to a rumor that you will be voting on Natick becoming a sanctuary town. As a State Committee member for the Republican Party I'm sure you are not surprised that I find this to be a bad idea. I am sure many of you, if not all of you voted differently from me two weeks ago. But that does not mean we can't find common ground. I know emotions are high following the Presidential election but I ask we use our minds rather than our emotions. Just because we see on the news of Mayors, Governors, and local elected leaders pledging to "resist" does not mean Natick has to. I also am very concerned that I hadn't even heard this vote was taking place until Monday night. This makes me concerned that we are not being mindful of how damaging this vote can be. Should this get out of hand we will soon see Natick on the state and possibly even national spotlight. With overcrowding in schools and limited space on where to house migrants Natick is simply not ready for this change. In the country only 600 communities are sanctuaries for migrants. We have seen in communities like Norfolk (Which voted for Harris) that recently added a migrant shelter and has received much pushback from residents. The people never even asked for it. In fact the pushback was so strong that GOP State Representative Marcus Vaughn carried this Democratic district in a landslide. Another example you see is New York City. A very Democratic city. Even the mayor believes the migrant crisis is out of control in the city and will likely work with the incoming Trump administration to remove migrants. I can list every community where becoming a sanctuary was a disaster. But I think it would be easier to find a community that is glad they became a sanctuary city or town. As a Republican I know I am a small piece of the electorate but I hope you see me as a Natick resident rather than a member of a political party. There are plenty of things I disagree with my party on. It is not unheard of for a Democrat to oppose housing migrants in Natick. Please think long and hard before making this vote.

Sincerely,  
Nicky Miceli (Mass GOP 2nd Middlesex, Norfolk)