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Good evening,

I would first like to thank the City of Dover for the notices sent to residents of the streets affected by the proposed winter-parking amendments. Unfortunately, I have a conflict and am unable to make the public hearing scheduled for tonight, 9/9. I hope you will have time to note my concern.

My wife and I have been Dover residents since we moved to NH about 5 years ago. We are heavily invested in our community. We were pleased to see the City adopt a "storm based" system two years ago, after several years struggling with the inability to park on the streets from the months of December to April - regardless of the lack of storms.

I bought my first ever home in Dover last spring on High Ridge Drive. It is located on the southerly side of High Ridge Drive - the side directly affected under the proposed amendment – and is the ONLY single family house on the entire street. This restriction does not simply allow us to move all cars to the opposite side of the street, as it does with many of the other streets under consideration. Because of the design of the High Ridge Drive apartment parking lots, and coupled with the steep grade, there is already essentially no public parking available on the north side. A four-month, 24-hour restriction would pose an undue hardship for our family because there is no proximate public parking anywhere nearby to allow us even a single houseguest.

I believe the main problem with snow removal on High Ridge Drive is caused by the tenants move from the apartment parking lot onto the street, to allow the property management company to plow the apartment lots. This could be mitigated by better communication with the management company, or even an agreement that the management company help supplement the City's efforts at snow removal along High Ridge in the aftermath of winter storms.

I have firsthand experience with the struggle created by parking issues during a storm response, however I believe the current "storm based" system is more efficient. Please consider removing High Ridge Drive from this list of one-side I do strongly believe that if the city strictly enforced the current storm based system and worked closer with property management companies, there would be no need for any amendments to the current system pertaining to High Ridge Drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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