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To the City Council

Because I will be absent from the Board meeting I would appreciate the Board reading my view point at tomorrow night's hearing.

My name is Marc Blumenthal. I am a tax paying resident of Dover residing at 11 Nute Road. I am aware of the City Council's request to exceed the tax cap because of the School Board's request, which stems from the under-enrollment of non-city students.

I oppose any City Council move to exceed the tax cap whatsoever. In 2025, the Council approved a vote to allocate \$18 million for redoing the athletic fields with AstroTurf. My daughter attended Dover Middle School when it had no playground. At a time when taxpayers face higher taxes, more inflation and job insecurity, I strongly recommend that the council rescind its approval of the astro turf and/or the new lighted playing field to cover the school board's push to exceed the tax cap.

In addition, the School Board must now realize, like any other business, that fewer students will attend schools from outside Dover. Given population trends and other factors, they can no longer count on that revenue. And while athletics are an important part of academia, sports teams only cater to the select few.

In summary enough is enough. A tax CAP is just that and the council must honor it out of respect for the taxpayers who fund the city.

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