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Subject: Public Hearing for Parking Amendment PZ#26-2ZRA
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Dear Commissioners and Counselors:

First, thank you for your time and service to the citizens of the Town of Ledyard. We write to respectfully request that you take the safety of the citizens of Gales Ferry/Ledyard into account as you consider this amendment (PZ#26-2ZRA), both the everyday safety on the town roads, as well as the safety during emergency situations.

We are not anti-development. We just ask that careful foresight be exercised and the repercussions of development be considered from a safety standpoint and from the effect it will have on our streets and rural environment. At this point, at least in Gales Ferry, people walking and local traffic can coexist, although Military Highway can at times be difficult. Should there be future development, if adequate on-site parking is not provided, where will people who live in those dwellings park? Spilling onto our rural roads does not at all seem safe on a daily basis, and surely if emergency vehicles have to navigate already narrow streets, will that slow response times? What would that scenario look like with snow during the winter which narrows roads even more?

It would seem a very effective and practical way to deal with the State's regulations regarding developer-provided parking would be to limit the height of buildings and number of units so that developers can provide parking for all occupants of their development without endangering others by forcing on-street parking.

We ask you all to listen to why people live here. We have never heard anyone say they moved here in hopes of large high-rise buildings being built and having on-street parking that will obstruct line of sight while residents are walking and emergency vehicles responding in times of crisis. Is that a responsibility the Town wants to embrace? Thank you for consideration of our letter.

Respectfully,
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