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**To:** Anna Wynn  
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Anna, Please post as a record item for this evening's PH. Was sent to me and Roxanne. Thanks.

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**From:** Val Doughty <vjdoughty@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 June 2026 23:03:53  
**To:** Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>  
**Cc:** Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>  
**Subject:** Attn: Public Hearing for Parking Amendment PZ#26-2ZRA

Dear Ms. Burdick,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to write in to share my concerns about state bill HB 8002 and its potential impact on Ledyard and Gales Ferry. While addressing the housing shortage is certainly a valuable goal, I think the restrictions on imposing parking requirements pose a real problem. So many of the roads around town have narrow shoulders that don't give cars enough space to pull out of the lane of travel. That, combined with our roads' many twists and turns, creates a real safety hazard. Already there have been times when cars parked on the road for somebody's barbeque or what-have-you have obliged me to drive in the middle of the road to pass them *while going through a blind turn*. There's no recourse but to cross your fingers and hope no one's coming. It's not a great feeling. There's also the issue of visibility. Parked cars can block a driver's view of traffic that may be approaching an intersection, or even of pedestrians and playing children.

I know the bill is passed and law, but I would urge you to take what precautions are still permitted to address this before it becomes a problem. What forms that may take you would know better than I would. I've heard others suggest that limitations on the height and scale of housing complexes could be a useful tool, supposing that what limits the numbers of units likewise limits the number of tenants, and therefore, their cars. While it's unfortunate that that also restricts the benefit of the increased housing, I believe it strikes a necessary balance to prevent unscrupulous developers from maximizing their profits by disregarding the safety both of the town residents and their own future tenants.

Thank you very much for your time. Wishing you wisdom and peace of mind in the midst of this latest bit of fuss and bluster.

Respectfully,

Val Doughty

(Resident at 15 Eagle Ridge Drive)