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Public-Private Partnership (P3) Infrastructure Oversight Commission
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Dear Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Oversight Commission,

Our neighborhood abuts the Dover Park & Ride. I would like you to know that the homeowners in our neighborhood unanimously oppose the privatization of the Park & Ride.

Please let's remember that these Park & Ride lots were built and paid for with Federal funds to promote ride-sharing in our communities, with the sole purpose of helping to lessen traffic on the turnpike and to promote positive air quality. Privatizing these facilities, and subsequently charging for parking, will deter people from using the facilities and consequently have a negative effect on both traffic and air quality. I believe, if ride-sharers are faced with the decision to pay to park, or just drive themselves, they will choose the latter.

The Department of Transportation has indicated the reason for the need to privatize these lots is due to the fact that they no longer have the money to maintain them.

It seems that there must be another underlying reason why the DOT wants to allow the privatization. If this is the only reason, there is a much easier remedy; simply begin charging C&J to utilize the lots for their private business and use that money for the maintenance costs. Likewise, if the lots need to be upgraded, the DOT should pay for the upgrades and pass the cost along to the business through the rent; just as the rest of the world does.

I was taken aback to learn that C&J, a private company, has been allowed to conduct a lucrative business out of these State-owned facilities, free-of-charge, for nearly 9 years! How is it appropriate that a private company is able to run a business free-of-charge out of State-owned facilities, and at the very least not be required to maintain those facilities? Charging a private business for the use of the lots seems reasonable and necessary to maintain the sites.

In closing, I would like to say that these Park & Rides provide a great opportunity to the residents of New Hampshire to help with traffic congestion and air quality. I do not believe it is right to completely disregard the reason that the lots were established a short 9 years ago, and I certainly do not think it is right to charge those that choose to utilize them.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Sincerely,



David Proia