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Greetings, Mt. Washington Commission Members,

We write to say we strongly oppose any alteration to the summit cone of Mt. Washington for the proposed "Lizzie Station." Any such project is an abomination and a desecration of a fragile landscape. **Please reject the draft Masterplan as it now stands.**

**We ask that the MWC require a thorough and independent Environmental and Climate Assessment** of the cone and the greater Mt. Washington area **prior to the Masterplan being approved.** Only then, after a full assessment, can intelligent decisions be made. Surely this is not too much to require when the proposed project will have multi-generational impacts on the mountain and all those who are drawn to its respite and recreation.

**The summit is already overbuilt, overused, and overcrowded.** Further expansion can only add to the existing problems. The dispersion of crowds, as suggested by the developer, is not at all a solution, but a bogus distraction from the reality of further negative impacts. Lizzie Station will draw more people to the summit and spread their damaging impact over a greater area. This high-altitude terrain, known to be very fragile, takes scores of years, sometimes centuries, to recover from even the smallest incursions. **Any increase in traffic on the summit will cause further and continuing degradation of the plants and animal habitats there—and diminish the quality of the human experience.** There is no restoration or remediation that can undo such damage.

It may be time for the stewards of Mt. Washington to explore limiting the usage the mountain as we see successfully demonstrated for many decades at Baxter State Park in Maine. **For-profit, corporate sprawl does not belong on Mt Washington's summit. Please exercise the privilege you have in safeguarding Mt. Washington from any variances or further development like that proposed for Lizzie Station.**

Thank you for your service on the Commission and for your thoughtful consideration,

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