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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed hotel development on Mt Washington.

This proposal is offensive on so many levels. The most compelling issue is environmental. Mt Washington has a unique landscape, comprised of numerous ecological zones. The alpine zone is fragile and slow to recover from disruption. I believe that there are rare and endangered plants and even one that is not found anywhere else in the world. I understand that the same is true for a specific bird found on Mt Washington. It is said that Mt Washington is the "most topographically prominent mountain east of the Mississippi River". I understand that there are 13 square miles of alpine tundra east of the Mississippi, with Mt Washington being home to the largest and most significant tract. All interesting features, but most importantly is that the Mountain is already heavily used and environmentally compromised by that use. To think of adding 18 Pullman cars, septic "system" from the hotel to the bottom of the railway, transporting people and goods to and from the hotel, etc. and all the disruption that would come from the construction and occupancy of such a business, it's crazy.

We see new examples of global warming on a daily basis. Further destruction of the environment will continue this trend. There is no way to justify such a project, except for the almighty dollar. There is also no need to have accommodations at the top of Mt Washington!!

I think it's reasonable, responsible and fair for citizens to demand that a proper Environmental and Climate Assessment be done of Mt Washington and it's summit, before considering any application from the Cog and the State.

Thank you for your time.

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