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Good afternoon,

I write in staunch opposition to the proposed Lizzie Bourne development of the summit of Mt. Washington. With unsustainable visitorship harming sensitive alpine flora, taxing the wastewater system to the point of non-compliance, negatively impacting the breeding habitat of the rare American pitpit, and causing erosion and pollution issues, further development is **not** the answer. On top of this, alpine tundra is a rare habitat covering just 13 square miles of the United States east of the Mississippi, and is already facing the cruel stressor of human-caused climate change. Does this unique and irreplaceable habitat need yet another challenge to overcome in its battle to survive the sixth mass extinction? No.

Therefore, as a citizen of New England, a hiker of the White Mountains, and a friend to alpine flora and fauna, **I insist that the MWC conduct a thorough, independent, Environmental and Climate Assessment of the Summit Region and the entirety of Mt. Washington.** I call for a complete moratorium on any future expansion, development or construction of any kind until the completion of the Assessment and the subsequent Master Plan, and a rejection of the July draft master plan.

Thank you for ensuring my comments and concerns are considered by the Mt. Washington Commission.

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