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Dear Tracey and Zoning Board members,

As a member of the Bayview Road Community I want to express my opposition to the variance request concerning the car wash proposal by the owner of 28 Dover Road, Durham, NH.

I have reviewed the correspondence of my Bayview Road neighbors. I agree with all of my neighbors' well thought through points on this topic. I'm not sure if there was discussion on environmental impacts of a car wash that close to the Greatbay. I'm concerned about whether there was any environmental studies done on how this business would impact the Greatbay environmentally, with run off issues and adding more phosphates and detergents to the ground water and the Greatbay estuary etc.

The main reasons for granting of a variance appear to not be met in my view.

This development is clearly not in the public interest for abutters and our community in my opinion. This car wash would be one of the first impressions that the Town of Durham will be giving to anyone coming through on route 108. The owner cannot possibly prove that this variance will not be contrary to the public interest if a large portion of the people living near this car wash are not interested in it being there.

I cannot see where justice would be done if the board granted a variance after any abutters, and local community members are expressing opposition to this variance being granted.

I cannot imagine how living next to property that contained a car wash business would increase anyone's property value, nor would I purchase property next to a car wash. I think it would be a good idea to gain a consensus from experienced real estate professionals on the impact of a car wash on property values. Making a fair, just, and informed decision on this issue warrants this type of solid data gathering.

Finally, in my view, the enforcement of the ordinance would cost much time, energy, and money and would be going on for a long time into the future as more and more complaints keep coming up around lights, noise, and pollution, etc., etc.

Thank you for providing a forum for the public to weigh in on this important topic that will impact the image and quality of life for Durham residents for years to come.

Respectfully Yours,

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