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May 13, 2019

Town of Arlington Select Board c/o Marie Krepelka, Administrator 730 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Select Board Members:

We are writing to request your approval to hold the annual Arlington Soap Box Derby Local Race on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, on Eastern Avenue between Park Circle and Highland Avenue, with a rain date of Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Arlington Soap Box Derby Local Race has been taking place for over ten years, providing local racers with the opportunity to enjoy racing gravity-powered cars outside in Arlington, while learning Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. The race attracts hundreds of participants and spectators, and has become an annual tradition that contributes to Arlington's sense of community and history.

We have met with Administrator Krepelka from the Select Board Office and Officer Corey Rateau from the Arlington Police Department, and have agreed on the details of the road closure, police requirements, and other logistical items. We have also received a permit from the Recreation Department to allow us to use the lawn at Robbins Farm Park for spectators to watch the event.

We hope that the Town will continue to support our race and the contribution it makes to the local community, and grant us approval to close this stretch of Eastern Avenue as has been done in past years.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Arlington on this fun and engaging activity.

Cary Conra President Joseph Barr Race Director