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Hello John,

Thanks for your time today.

I am writing to convey my disappointment in the Town of Arlington for enforcing the overnight parking ban during the current Global Pandemic.

My name is Eamon Keating. I am a 9 year resident of 65 Freeman St. in Arlington. Pre Covid-19 I was a full supporter of the overnight parking ban and will continue to support it post-pandemic as well. I understand what it is in place for. I know the good it does, but I think it should be relaxed during the current pandemic.

This morning, I received a parking ticket due to a complaint called in by my neighbor.

At times the town has implemented various regulations to keep its citizens safe. For a few months, the town did not require people to pay the parking meters to avoid unnecessary contact with the parking meter. The same precautions were put in place for the "walk buttons" at the intersections. I also believe that the pens used in our local elections were disinfected in between uses. Town buildings and offices are mostly closed and everything is done virtually to put people's safety first. I think that a suspension of the overnight parking ban during the current COVID 19 crisis would be in line with these precautions. In a time when everything possible is done to avoid in-person contact and most of the world is working remotely it seems very insensitive to social distancing guidelines to enforce the parking ban at this time because at times it requires people to enter other people's vehicles.

I live in a two family house. My family and our downstairs neighbors are taking social distancing extremely seriously. They use the back door to enter and exit the property and my family uses the front door. As much as possible we have kept our spaces separate and fully operate as two separate bubbles. Since the onset of the pandemic, we have decided that we will not move each other's vehicles and avoid tandem parking to keep in line with our social distancing standards. We both work off hours. They come in late, and I leave early. To simply "knock on each other's doors" to move the vehicles as suggested would not work without waking people out of bed and disturbing the children. Once people are vaccinated and our community has been deemed to have herd immunity we will not have this issue. We have always exchanged keys and plan to freely move each other's cars to comply with the overnight parking ban when it is deemed safe to do so.

Thank you for taking this note into consideration and I look forward to your follow up. I can be reached at any time on my mobile phone at 617-653-8038.

Sincerely,
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