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Dear Mr. Levine and Mr. Radwanski,

The town of Newbury joins with Concord, Hopkinton, Warner and Bradford in its desire to see a multiuse trail developed substantially following the old railroad grade from Concord to Newbury. We recognize this trail must somehow get from the east side of Interstate -89 to the west side and urge you to allow the trail to proceed along the route you walked with interested parties in Warner on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

The trail would provide a green transportation link between our five town/city centers. The economic benefits of enabling workers to use an off-road trail with gentle grades provides a true alternative option to using an automobile to reach their place of employment or the

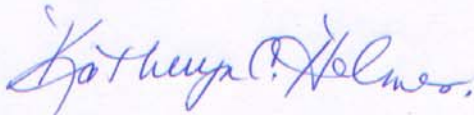
place where they shop.

The health, family, and community benefits of such a trail could not be overstated. Winding for 32 miles along beautiful river, farm and forest sections of central NH this trail would be used by the widest group of residents on a daily basis. The trail would link town recreation fields in Concord (next to Beaver Meadow), Hopkinton, Warner and Bradford (which partners with Newbury using the Newbury/Bradford sports field) making it possible for participants to bike and walk to games instead of driving to athletic events.

Once completed from end-to-end this trail would become a significant tourist destination with the Concord end of the trail less than a mile from I-93 at Exit 15. Exits 8 and 9 of I-89 would also provide nearby trailhead parking. The junction of Route 114 and Route 103 in Bradford provides another collection point. The proposed trailhead at Lake Sunapee where Route 103 and 103A meet appears to be a natural destination or launch point.

The need to pass through I-89 in the vicinity of Exits 8 and 9 in Warner is critical to our vision and your support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katheryn C. Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Katheryn C. Holmes, Chair  
Newbury Conservation Commission