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Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment and Bradford, New Hampshire residents:

With over a forty year history with Bradford, New Hampshire, I am writing in support of the request by William C. Heselton to operate a junk yard on the property located on County Road.

It is my understanding that the yard will occupy 2.9 acres of Mr. Heselton's 120 acres. It is evident that this commercial investment will not negatively impact property value or the current tax base. In fact, the existence of the yard will enhance Bradford's tax base, as the property will be commercially taxed.

Furthermore, there will be no impact to the environment. As is well known, New Hampshire environmental laws are stringent. Once approved, Mr. Heselton's yard will undergo continual review from local, state and federal agencies to ensure compliance with current regulations.

I fully understand the concerns of the residents, with a priority of keeping the land as is, with no unsightliness, and/or objectionable noise. But, the yard will sit over 500 feet from County Road, leaving no negative impact on aesthetics of the landscape, nor unwanted sounds.

William C. Heselton's land has been passed down through generations. The very idea of Mr. Heselton having the freedom to use his land as he desires is what has endeared me to New Hampshire; Bradford in particular. Mr. Heselton's request embraces the spirit of your State motto, *Live Free or Die*, aligning to the upholding of the Constitution and the right for a person to lawfully use their property as they wish. He joins generations of the Heselton family, who as veterans, landowners, lumbermen, tree wardens, firefighters, realtors, farmers, and teachers, have made their positive mark on, and contribution to, the town of Bradford. For example, the Heselton family donated the one-room school house to the town of Bradford. In recent years, Mr. Heselton himself has graciously allowed community members to use his land for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, hunting and other forms of recreation, including events at the Center Church. In addition, Mr. Heselton donated furniture to the Bradford Town Hall as part of their restoration project.

The aforementioned details become a moot point when reviewing the protocol which has been set by the Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment. It is a protocol that Mr. Heselton is strictly adhering to. At present there are two salvage yards in the town of Bradford. Similar to Mr. Heselton's future yard, one is located in a rural area. It is not clear as to why Mr. Heselton's proposal for a yard has become a point of discussion since a precedent has clearly already been set.

I look forward to learning of the objective and favorable decision to this proposal, which conforms to the Bradford Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances, and will follow suit with the above mentioned exemplar.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate E. O'Hara".

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