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I am a 74 year resident of the State who grew up in North Conway, an avid hiker who has spent a lot of time on Mount Washington and the summit cone, and a regular, moderate voter.

Your draft master plan rightly recognizes the importance of minimizing the visual impact of the human-built infrastructure and maximizing protection of the natural environment at the Summit. Given the vision for the Summit expressed in the master plan, it is greatly disturbing to see so much cheerleading among certain members of the Commission for Mr. Presby's dream project, Lizzie's station next to the Summit. The Summit is if anything overdeveloped already and it is extremely hard to see why even more development is any solution to the Summit's problems. In fact, the project is likely to have significant negative effects for the Summit and the experience of the many visitors who cannot afford to stay in the proposed accommodations or who don't want to. I urge Commission members as stewards of the public interest to put politics aside and think long and hard about why Mr. Presby's dream makes any sense at all.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

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