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**Sent:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** John Harrigan  
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**Subject:** Re: A "taking" of property owners' rights

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Did you see that our ally Wendy Thomas, and Henry Noel, we're both not re-elected?  
Judith

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2020, at 10:44 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Abby,

I wrote the following letter for you to distribute anywhere you want, and if you don't want to that's okay too. Whatever the case, good luck. My best shot at it is to boil it down to a property rights issue.

John H.

Dear Abby,

What a great letter! Here we see the state's Bureau of Trails, aiding and abetting your local ATV club with a blatant "taking" of taxpaying, thumbing their noses at property owners' rights. This letter should go to every newspaper wherever such trails have been allowed without permission, and there are many. Because the Governor and Council have final authority over such contracts, It should go to every newspaper in Executive Councilor Mike Cryans' district. And to think that the state has wasted nearly a QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS fighting to keep this trail—which treats fellow citizens and taxpayers like trash.

Nobody ever asked residents about putting the trail there, right? You've lost the peace and quiet of your homes and property and the use of your own back yards, right? Your own select board and police department will do nothing to help you, right?

I'm a longtime landowner. I've always kept my land open to hunters, hikers and others to use and enjoy. This included a major snowmobile trail across my woodlot. How has this grossly unfair "taking" of your basic property rights been allowed?

Maybe you should just “forget” to pay your property taxes. Maybe that would get your select board’s attention.

I love our state. I cherish our freedoms and traditions. I appreciate the priceless privilege of trespass. But I am a bear regarding property owners’ rights. Any “taking” of such rights without due process and compensation is wrong. In the lower courts they call it “theft by unauthorized taking.” How true the words.

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Colebrook

On Sep 30, 2020, at 2:16 PM, Abby Evankow ██████████ wrote:

Dear Governor Sununu,

Please end the misery for the Gorham residents who live along the residentially zoned Lancaster Road, (US 2.) They have been living with loud, dusty OHRV trails for 10 years now. This is a property rights issue that cuts across party lines.

**RSA 215-A:5** prohibits the use of OHRVs within 150’ of an occupied ice fishing hole. Should these residents create ponds on their properties and start ice fishing? For a \$45 fishing license they would be granted a 150 foot buffer. Instead, they are paying thousands of dollars in property taxes and are subject daily to noise, dust, and behavior ranging from rude to threatening from May 23 to Nov 1.

Attached below is a map showing how close a viable option is. Building a short section of trail (less than a quarter mile) to the Eversource Right of Way from the new the Rte 16 OHRV ramp will still allow riders direct access from downtown Gorham to Jericho State Park and make this neighborhood trailhead redundant - and therefore easily closed.

Blue = the existing OHRV trail, including the new Rte 16 entrance to OHRV trail system.

Green = reroute up to and along the Eversource Right of Way, to connect to Corridor 19 to Jericho Park

Red = close the Presidential Rail Trail from the neighborhood to the new Rte 16 entrance, close Lancaster Rd/Rte 2 through the neighborhood, and close Corridor 19 between the neighborhood and Eversource Right of Way.

As of February 2020, the NH Department of Justice had spent at least \$214,527.47 fighting to keep the misplaced, high impact OHRV trails in this neighborhood, rather than move them to a more appropriate location. With a viable option less than a mile away, this is a terrible misuse of NH tax-payer dollars.

Please direct the Bureau of Trails to build this simple re-route and close the Lancaster Rd trailhead and trails, ending the 10 years of misery these abutters

have endured. Republicans and Democrats alike will thank you for ending this erosion of our property rights.

-Abby Evankow  
Gorham, NH



P.S. So you can experience the portions of the trail for yourself:

Corridor 19, taken in the back yard of a tax-paying abutter: <https://vimeo.com/461227002> (Without the ATVs, the only sound is of the brook)

Rte 2: <https://vimeo.com/461227252>

The Presidential Rail Trail and Rte

2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chO1LRVWpfM>

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