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Subject: Proposed Shutdown of Warren St. concerns

Mayor Johnson, Mr. DiPietro, and Common Council members,

I am reaching out as a Warren Street business owner as well as a Hudson resident regarding the proposal to shut down Warren Street on any given day. Having a retail shop on Warren St that is open seven days a week affords me the opportunity to interact and converse with locals, visitors, and other local business owners every single day.

Parking is already a concern for visitors. To imagine the element of confusion that a sometimes open/ sometimes closed street would have on tourism is frightening. The obvious problem being the danger of congestion on narrow side streets caused by drivers trying to navigate our residential neighborhoods distracted by the mad search for a parking space. Not to mention the disorientation of unfamiliar one way streets cut off by a closed Warren St.

I myself sell furniture- this will be a brutal blow to my business. How will we manage pick ups and drop offs of product on Warren? How will a client purchase a dresser and put it in the back of their SUV on the day that the street is closed? We have many visitors who travel here for one day only.

What about the loss of revenue from the meters and parking tickets?

For the most part, visitors don't seem to mind the metering at all with many finding the 50 cents an hour and \$10 violation fee "charming". Certainly not anything that would prevent them from parking or visiting again. I fear that the confusion and disorientation as a result of a sometimes open/sometimes closed street could deliver a devastating blow to commerce as well as to the attractiveness and ease of our current way of existence. Many businesses are still in recovery mode and the idea of experimenting with the current organic post-pandemic upswing seems irresponsible.

I am asking that you carefully consider my feedback. Please do not close Warren St. to traffic. It is an experiment that will certainly have an unmeasurable negative impact on mine and other businesses. Not to mention the danger to residents and pedestrians on the surrounding side streets. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Judy Engel

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