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**To:** [McGuigan, Patrick](#)  
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Dear Patrick,

I hope to be able to make the meeting tonight, but I wanted to share my thoughts in advance.

I am the person who started the petition. I originally started a petition for one side of the street parking in Oct 2017 after my car got hit for the 6th time parked on the street. ( No, I did not have a large bull's eye on my car.) Twice, the persons did not own up to hitting me resulting in me paying the deductible in addition to time and inconvenience. The first petition did not get enough signatures. So, I went back to the drawing board...but life happened.

In Nov 2017, my husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor and the density of commuter parking plagued us. He underwent 30 days of radiation. So every morning at 7:30AM, I had move our cars on the street to provide sufficient space to pull my car across the driveway to accomodate his wheelchair. This was an extreme situation, but illustrates how the density of parking affects the daily lives of residents.

This past winter, I convened a meeting at my house with neighbors to discuss the extreme level of commuter parking on our street. Issues of car damage, difficulty getting out of their driveways safely, blocked driveways, limited parking for guests, workers and bike safety were discussed.

The mail delivery person, the UPS person and others who provide service to our street have often complained about the lack of parking on our street.

After the meeting, my neighbor Jim Glueck met with Bill Putnam about our situation. We followed all the protocols and did get the majority of our neighbors to sign the new petition. The city studied our street and determined that we certainly had a commuter issue. Our request for the parking to be "on school days only" was approved by the city attorney.

We circulated the petition and did achieve a majority of 14/27 households. We hope that you will allow the 2 hour parking with residential permit on school days only.

Thank you,  
Beth Neary