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Hon. Jason L. McCoy
Town Hall
14 Park Place
Rockville, CT 06066

Dear Mayor McCoy:

As a former resident, old enough to have a pretty long term perspective on the town where I grew up, I am writing to express my distress regarding the possibility that the Ticket Network LLC plan for a concert venue might be approved.

When our family dedicated the Belding Wildlife Management Area in 1981, it was welcomed as a timely designation of open space balancing the rapidly developing residential neighborhoods of that time. I'm sure most residents would like to see the town continue to weigh proposed development as to its value toward the enhancement of the unique history and present attractiveness of Vernon.

There may be reason to bring in a project such as Ticket Network proposes, but, given the future potential of the town, I would contend that the open-air concerts are the wrong choice for the wrong place - a deplorably Poor fit! I have to suspect there will surely be better and more exciting opportunities for Vernon that will be in keeping with its character as the truly outstanding place that it is for its residents to live.

Let's take a pass on this one!

Sincerely,

Max Belding

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