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Mayor Paul Grenier and City Council 168 Main Street Berlin, NH 03570

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RE: Snow Plowing/Howard Street

Dear Respected Mayor and Council,

I request that our city snow plow crew not pile huge snow piles immediately to either side of my driveway which runs along Howard Street. My home is located on the corner of Howard and Providence, directly across the road from St. Vincent DePaul nursing/rehab center.

When we have large storms requiring plowing, the snow plow has been pushing the majority of the snow from the upper corner down the hill and immediately to the left of my driveway causing huge piles that I cannot see over when I try to exit. Last year I put up stakes to indicate not to pile snow in this location, but they were ignored, and I was unable to see the road to safely pull out when exiting. I have no problem with the plow pushing the snow on this side of the road, but I request they do it much further down so as not to block my view for a safe driveway exit.

In addition, I am requesting that snow not be pushed up against the curb right in front of my walkway on Providence St. This is the only safe and level walkway available for access and egress during winter. Every

year, I keep the walkway and road areas clear during a storm, but then the plow pushes huge piles right up to, and in front of, the walkway. This is a safety issue not only for delivery drivers, but also in case of an emergency. My front walkway facing Howard Street is too steep and slippery for winter deliveries or should there ever be a need for medical/fire emergency exit from the home. Again, I do not have a problem with the plow piling snow along Providence, but ask that they please do it further down the hill so that I, and others, have easy, safe access in and out of the house. There is plenty of room well past my driveway on Howard and my walkway on Providence to pile snow that won't affect me or my neighbors adversely.

In BOTH cases, the snow could easily be piled on the opposite sides of the streets where there are no driveways or walkways affecting any homes or businesses. This would be the best solution overall.

Photos are attached displaying the areas in question and suggested piles. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email with any questions. I hope that this can be easily resolved and relayed to the public works department to avoid unsafe conditions at my home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Weiss

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