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Saratoga Springs

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Embassy Suites by Hilton Saratoga Springs
86 Congress St.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Concerning the opening of Congress Plaza to the corner of William St. and S. Federal St.

The Embassy Suites holds the position that opening the south east corner of Congress Plaza's parking lot will invite potentially dangerous traffic into the shopping plaza, will take away much needed parking for the Plaza tenants, and doesn't present a need for a new traffic path in this area.

Our concern exists currently with having a proper amount of parking to affectively handle the needs for the Plaza. Being newly renovated and almost at 100% occupancy, the plaza has come back to life and the number of shoppers has increased considerably in the last two years. With the current number of parking slips and an additional 60+ slips behind the hotel, the need for the plaza to retain the parking it has is imperative.

The Embassy Suites believes that the beautified street presence of the Congress Plaza has helped to increase commerce and removing the much needed parking that supports these businesses to be a tremendous mistake. Secondly, inviting 30 to 40mph traffic into a peaceful shopping area will be a deterrent to these businesses and their prosperity.

The Embassy Suites respectfully requests the opening remain closed for the safety and prosperity of the shoppers and the businesses of the Plaza.

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