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Name: Robert Bao

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Message: Dear Somerville City Council,

I am a long time resident of the City of Somerville. I enjoy this city's vibrant atmosphere. This weekend was the annual Somerville PorchFest and crowds of people passed through the Somerville Bike Path behind my house. The event itself was enjoyable, however there were only 3 portable toilets on the long stretch of the bike path between Willow Ave and Cedar St, each with a long waiting line. There were so many bands in this area and many people came to see them. As a result, I witnessed multiple people urinating on the trees/fences behind my property (as well as the neighbors') and ruining the atmosphere. Eight people also rang my doorbell to ask to use my bathroom (which we allowed). I understand they are fellow attendees who came to enjoy this event, and are desperate enough to ask a stranger for permission to enter their home. However I believe it would be a mistake to let the residents who live near the PorchFest performers take on this burden privately. Please distribute more facilities for attendees to use to relieve themselves for next year's PorchFest.

Best, Robert Bao

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