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Mayor and City Council
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester St.
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Re: Recommendation for O-36-17 and R-23-17

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Transportation Board met on July 26, 2017 to discuss O-36-17 and R-23-17, "Wheel Immobilization Devices"

The Board unanimously does not support O-36-17 and R-23-17.

Rationale:

The board believes that the use of use of wheel immobilization devices by private operators in their private lots is a matter between two private parties and that as long at the area is appropriately marked as such including contact information, there is no reason why the city should legislate this prohibition. As we read in the news about the state of commercial towing operations, wheel immobilization devices may be the only tactic available for private operators to insure that they have some concrete recourse against violators.

Furthermore, the use of these devices by the city in city owned/operated parking facilities is not currently statutorily allowed and would require a new legislative effort to implement, so O-36-17 and R-23-17 are unnecessary to prohibit their use in public parking facilities.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can reach me at alex@teampline.org or 443-510-7297.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex P. Pline".

Alex Pline
Chair, Transportation Board