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0	1	RI	VAC	50	80	When traveling we select areas that have a variety of overnight possibilities. Over regulations equates to higher cost per night, since options are reduced and campgrounds increase their prices if alternative locations are eliminated.
0	2	NS	L-T	100	100	<p>Andrew!</p> <p>Thnaks for doing something I should have done. I live in the Head of St Margarets Bay and I find the province very RV friendly. The tactics used by the camground owners are disgraceful (snapping pictures of licence plates at Wal-Mart, etc) and have caused many of RVing friends to refuse to travel here. A number of things bother me -</p> <p>a. The Provincial and federal parks are relatively expensive with very few services (Thank God for Cheticamp) and sites taht are very difficult for me to access in my 35 foot motorhome</p> <p>b. The majority of private parks that I have scouted in my MG are often inaccessible to us, sites are small and not level, rates are too high for what we get, and staff members all seem to have taken regular mean/ugly pills. In the majority of cases I could not get my rig into the parks in the dar.</p> <p>c. The province as a whole is RV unfriendly because there are very roadside parks that we can access, there is no place to pull off the road to sleep/rest/stretch one's legs/etc, most shopping centers have relatively small lots, etc</p> <p>d. I use Gateway in Amherst during my jaunts in Dec and Apr when I move south and then back home. The owner typifies what i would like to see from park owners - a willingness to help. For a very small nominal fee (\$15) which I force on him (he says it is too much) I get a 15 amp circuit access and a place to park (need the power in Dec and Apr for the furnace)</p> <p>e. Recently while in transit from Maine in my rig I felt ill and tired after I entered NS and passed Amherst. I forced myself to last to the toll booths where I was able to sit for a couple of hours and recoup my strength - this was in mid winter when there were no other options available.</p>

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						<p>f. If you wish to chat more or need some help, send me an email.</p> <p>g. Bottom line for us, we do not CAMP at Wal-mart and like places. We stop there to make a quick exit off the road while we are in transit. We always spend 25 to 50 bucks on groceries and the like so it is not a free ride.</p> <p>Thnaks again, Preston Smith -----</p>
0	5	FL	F-T	0	75	WILL USE PARKING LOTS AS JUST A STOP OVER WHEN GING FROM POINT A TO POINT BE OTHER WISE WE USE CAMPGROUNDS.
0	6	ON	VAC	0	100	<p>The Maritimes have always been one our favourite travel destinations. The people there were always really friendly.</p> <p>After hearing about Nova Scotia's anti-RV campaign, we no longer get the same warm fuzzy feelings that we used to get when thinking about Nova Scotia . . . quite the opposite.</p> <p>Knowing now that Nova Scotians regard RVers as some sort of disease to be quarantined, we have no desire to return . . so won't.</p>
0	9	NH	F-T	0	100	Campground owners need to understand that trying to mandate RVers using their facilities by supporting no overnight parking will backfire. They may loose an occasional nights lodging from someone passing through but the loss from RVers not comming to the area at all will be astronomical. Most of us happily stay in campgrounds except when we are going from one point to another with long and late hours on the road. To find a campground late in the evening, pay for facilities we are not going to use, leave early in the morning disturbing other campers is pointless to those of us that appreciate being able to pull off the road for a brief rest.
0	12	PA	P-T	1	95	We visited NS about 5 yrs ago. It was one of the best trips we've ever had. NS is a beautiful, scenic, & interesting place. We were so impressed with the beauty, CLEANLINESS, and super nice people. We

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						would love to make a return trip, but with the parking ban, it is not likely that we will. The majority of RVers that we know or meet do not use parking lots. I think it's a small percentage of RVers that do.
0	13	PQ	L-T	10	99	I travel north america and have toured the Maritimes on 3 separate occassions. I also have family stationed in Greenwood N.S and so the incentive to visit this province is also personal. The drive is long and exhausting. Law or no law, I would most likely not change my habits. This I believe is a free country and I will choose, where appropriate and non-intrusive, to park, rest and/or sleep anywhere I choose.Commercialism is changing the world and slowly creeping into private domain. RV parks are simply doing this to increase their own profits by forcing people off the road and into their campgrounds. All that will result is that those of us that can not afford nightly accommodations in RV parks, will simply find other options and methods to keep our "travelling" lifestyle alive! I am a senior and will not be bullied out of my preferred method of travel.
0	14	CO	L-T	25	70	We only use overnight parking if we are pushing to make a certain destination in a short period of time. This way we do not have to set up camp, sleep for a few hours, then get back on the road. When we stop for the night, we will fill up our gas tanks and usually purchase food, etc. That way we can make good time the next day when we start off.
0	15	FL	L-T	50	50	We always had a great time in Nova Scotia. We would like to think that on occasion we would not always have to find a park to spend the night. I think this whole problem everywhere is being caused by people who set up camp and make a big mess then pull out. Also people do not want to pay \$25 a night for just a place to park. Also parks need to pay more attention to those of us who travel. We are NOT campers and do not expect to be entertained with mini golf, swimming pools, laundrys, game rooms etc. We don't even want a bath house. Someone is going to catch on and start travelers parks only for a reasonable price. Easy in easy out....water...electric...garbage can. We can entertain ourselves. Thanks for listening.
0	16	SD	L-T	50	100	I stay in WalMarts and Flying J's exclusively while in transit to my final destination. Also I purchase fuel or groceries each evening at the location I am staying.
0	17	MO	L-T	75	100	When an area bans overnight parking, I feel they are just taking away another freedom. If the store (such

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						as Walmart) doesn't mind, I feel it should be my choice whether I choose to stay there or not. Not a decision made by someone else. And for those on a limited budget, it helps them to be able to enjoy traveling and helping to stay within their budget when sometimes they might not otherwise be able to.
0	18	TX	L-T	100	100	Folks who park overnight (NOT camp) should follow etiquette and be unobtrusive. . . unfortunately, some spoil for all. We love NS and will visit regardless, but the ban-RVers "attitude" might affect our desire to visit other places that have such rules.
0	21	NY	L-T	50	100	It's not a money thing. If there were RV parks with boondock sites close to highways we would use them for a fee. When we are sightseeing we don't want to go in an RV park just to sleep but if we will be in the area 2 days or more we always go to an RV park. It just give us flexibility if we can do both. If an RV park actively opposed parking lot stays we would and have boycotted that park. If the park is OK with parking lot stays, we go out of our way to go to those parks to show our support and appreciation. We definitely spend more money while passing through and area if it allows overnight parking. If a town does not, we go to the next town and spend our money there. Not in protest, just makes sense. If we can stay put then we obviously will eat, drink and play near that spot. RV parks are more for destinations for us of 2 nights or more. 1 night makes no sense.
0	22	ON	L-T	0	80	Placing a province wide ban on over night RV parking sends the message to the RV community at large that NS is unfriendly towards and unwanting of RVers and is not in keeping with the spirit of the Province's moto of "Canada's Atlantic Playground". Moreover, this legislation demonstrates a misunderstanding by the Provincial authorities of generally the responsible, mature and affluent people that persue the RV life style.
0	23	NY	VAC	10	100	Have spent (past tense) many summers in N.S. and NFL. Have never stayed at a Walmarts, but have visited on private property. Guess that would now be banned? Walmarts et al are good for a quick stop when going from point A to point B and there is no convenient campground, or one at a reasonable cost for no hookups and no facilities useage. Should Walmarts get a law passed banning campgrounds from selling coffee, food, etc. because that is in competition with Walmarts??

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						Should they be banned from having laundry facilities because that competes with local laundromats? There are many, many other parts of Canada and the US that welcome travelers (read: spenders) that we can visit in the future. Whether they enforce the law or not is not my concern, for they might at any given time. (Spent the night at a Dodge dealer once so as to get brake repair first thing in the a.m.guess that would be illegal now?)
0	25	OK	L-T	60	50	When traveling I like to stay in parking lots, with the permission of the store, as I do not need CG services and don't like to pay for services I do not need. When I reach a destination where I want to do "tourist" things, I search out a campground to take advantage of services and to be able to leave my RV in a secure location while I explore the area. In an area such as Nova Scotia (where my grandmother was born) I will primarily stay in campgrounds but to be denied the choice when I am just passing through an area seems to me to be arbitrary at best and is a major turn off for me. I don't cut off my nose to spite my face and I do like Nova Scotia and want to visit again and again but will feel a LOT better about the area if I see a lack of silly rules.
0	29	CA	L-T	50	75	When I want to camp, I use a campground. When I need to sleep, I'd like to be able to park somewhere and do so.
0	30	CO	VAC	20	80	One of the best aspects of RV travel is that (except in Nova Scotia) we can park for a few days in the driveway of a relative or friend - having a great visit with minimum inconvenience to those we visit, cooking some of our own meals, and sleeping in our own bed every night. And similarly, our RVing friends enjoy parking in our driveway when they come to visit us. I can't imagine why the Nova Scotia government thinks it is ok for us to sleep inside our friend's house but not ok for us to sleep inside our own fully self-contained "house on wheels" on their property. This is an unconscionable infringement of the rights of private property owners. By the way: your descriptive text keeps referring to an RV, but it appears to me that the Nova Scotia law applies to camping in general - even to neighborhood children who may pitch a tent in a friend's back yard

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						to spend an exciting night under the stars. My kids did this fairly often - is it now illegal?
0	31	PA	L-T	?	100	When passing thru, overnite to get some rest in a truck stop or other lot should be allowed. Camping, setting up with awnings out etc. should be forbidden. We have visited Nova Scotia three times and would like to do it again, but the parking controvesy will send us in another friendly direction. You have a fantastic province, very friendly residents, our trips there will be in the memory bank for many years.
0	32	MT	L-T	10	75	<p>We find this kind of parking ban to be a restriction of our freedom as a property owner. This was proposed a few years ago in our state legislature and was halted by the numbr of people that indicated a reduced disire to travel to MT. The RV Campground owners suffered a reduced number of visitors the next year. Nevada recently proposed a similar restriction and it too was defeated as a restriction on a property owners right to use of his property.</p> <p>I see no need to invoke this tyrpe of restriction. It is thought to aid the campground owners but in reality reduces the total tourist income as many of us will stay away. The restriction of anly allowing camoing in a licensed campground flies in the face of the stand alone feature of many RVs. In addition the restriction of parking at hospitals etc., seems heartless and not well thoughtout. Emergencies exist, to ignore that fact is burying your head in the sand. Allownces should be made OR the government should ASSURE adequate camping facilities throught the province.</p> <p>With these restrictions, the probability of our visiting NS is less than 10%.</p> <p>Just my thoughts.</p>
0	33	KY	L-T	0	75	I actually planned to visit Nova Scotia & Newfoundland in 2006 or 2007. I definitely will not visit if an overnight parking ban remains in effect in these provinces. To me the essence of RVing is freedom of choice and freedom from regulation & routine, which allows for spontaneity. The overnight parking ban is oppressive and represents the absence of freedom. Even though I almost never stay in parking lots, the principle matters to me & I will go elsewhere rather than be forced to camp only in an approved campground.
0	34	FL	L-T	30	100	WalMart Parking by us is used only for the night.....that is arriving late, and leaving early. If camp

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						grounds had dry camping areas where you could pay a very reasonable fee and there was easy in and easy out.....no amenities needed.....that would possibly take the place of "parking lot overnights".
0	38	ON	VAC	10	100	<p>I have used the parking lots of Walmart and Casinos on my recent cross-Canada trip. It is always my last choice for camping and usually occurs when the local RV parks are closed (late evening) or full.</p> <p>I arrive late in the evening, and leave before the store opens. Nothing is left behind to mark that I have even been there.</p> <p>I am a frequent Walmart customer and I am pleased they allow this service, it cost them nothing while at the same time promotes their business.</p>
0	41	MI	L-T	30	50	<p>RVers often underestimate travel times resulting in a need for a "resting" place to stop. It's not good economic sense to pay a campground operator for a few hours of space just to park (no hookups). Arriving late in an unfamiliar location, an RVer may just want to park overnight and look for a campground the next day.</p> <p>Parking bans are driven by selfish interests of campground owners.</p>
0	43	NS	VAC	100	0	<p>People must realize that people staying at Wal Marts etc are only passing through and they would not be staying at local campgrounds.</p> <p>We have stayed at many Wal Marts and truck stops and were always made to feel welcome by the staff at these establishments. Staying at Wal Mart is not "free" --- you always end up shopping in either the Wal Mart or other stores in the area. This is money that wouldn't have been spent in the area had it not been for parking in the lot.</p> <p>In all the parking lots we have stayed in we have never seen RV'ers set up "camp". They pull in after supper and are gone early in the am. They are between point A and point B and not intending to make that area their destination.</p>
0	46	MD	VAC	60	100	<p>We use a truck camper so we can get to remote areas for subsequent canoe trips/hiking, using the truck/RV as a base camp while we go live in a tent and do a big lake or river/mountain/whatever. Nova</p>

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						<p>Scotia is on our calendar for 2006, along with PEI (where I have buried relatives). Not being able to overnight except in a campground is a BIG detriment-- campgrounds can be inconvenient to find (especially at end of a long day driving), overpriced (we just need a place to park safely, long enough to sleep), may well require reservations at least in season, and many we have seen are simply a big ripoff (KOA especially comes to mind). That said, I've certainly no problem with paying for services, if 'services' are indeed available. A blanket ban on ad hoc overnighing is short-sighted, detrimental to tourists enroute to a scheduled destination, and generally unfriendly-- and if there is a health/safety issue related to the stop, unsafe as well.</p> <p>The Canadian provinces, according to the Woodall's guide, are inconsistent regarding overnight stays. If I can legally do the odd night off road in PEI, but not in NS, I'll spend much more time in PEI than in NS while I explore. Guess which province then gets more business and better word of mouth advertising after the trip? In tourism, perception counts and relates directly to lost dollars.</p>
0	52	TX	F-T	0	100	<p>In 2003 we traveled to the Maritimes with another RV couple and spent two months there. We each spent about \$7,250 (Canadian) so between us we left about \$14,500 in the economy. Much of the time was spent in Nova Scotia. We often stayed in campgrounds, but we like the freedom to stay anywhere we chose, if overnight parking is allowed. If overnight RV parking is not allowed we will not return as planned.</p> <p>I would not be surprised if the restaurant owners don't get involved. They may ban cooking in RVs and force everyone to eat in restaurants.</p> <p>We don't travel to areas where we have no freedom.</p>
0	54	AL	VAC	0	50	<p>Item E,1: I would only stay in a parking lot when just passing through while trying to get from point A to point B, just to get some sleep. I would be gone in six to eight hours. If staying for any length of time, I would definitely get a camp site.</p>
0	61	NE	F-T	0	50	<p>My sister, grandchild, and I were on a hurried trip, not a vacation. Had a bad experience at a RV Park. Came in at 11pm, no night registration. Ready to leave at 7am. Office hours 8am. 8am comes and goes, about 8:30 a lady with small child in tow comes to open. Has to take care of child, put him in playpen, give him a dish of dry cereal. Then she has to open the register, finally ready to take my money at 9am.</p>

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						Have stayed at Wal-Marts since.
0	67	AR	F-T	100	100	My wife and I enjoy dry camping. We stay in parking lots, Wal-marts, desart, and rest areas. I would not stop or shop in a town that does not allow overnite parking.
0	68	NY	L-T	0	100	we bought our first camper in Kentville in 2001 and have been back at least once a year every year . During the Tallships, Halifax city officals directed us to use Walmart, we ended up using the campground at Hammonds Plains.
0	69	ON	VAC	10	100	I think this is political and really has nothing to do with RVing. The only times we have stayed in other than an RV park are welcome centres adjacent to the highway. Oh and another time when coming through the mountains of NY, we stayed in a restaurant parking lot because there were no other facilities.
0	70	FL	F-T	0	100	The freedom of the road is slowly being lost to facist money grabbers. Just because one has A motorhome and preferes outdoor life dosen't mean we are owned by any sector of a bussiness comunity to be exploited. the relationship between the bussinesses and rv comunity has been A complimentary one, trying to curb the rights, privliges,or freedoms of others can only be viewed as hostile, turning freedom loveing people into criminals and opening the door to harrassment. I will not only boycott rv unfriendly areas but if this trend continues I will take my campground budget and put it elsewhere. We are A large comunity that can make alternatives. Rv'ers have made large investments also but don't blame others for success/lack of it in our lives.
0	74	MA	F-T	0	100	After many, many trips to Nova Scotia, we will no longer travel there unless this is resolved in favor of the RV's. This is blackmail on the part of campground owners and is full of untruths.
0	76	TX	F-T	0	25	I do, and always will, exercise the freedom to spend my money only on things that I deem have a value to me equal to or greater than the amount being asked for. IE - \$15-\$30 a night is reasonable for a place to park that offers good facilities that I plan on making use of. IE - \$15-\$70 a night is unreasonable for a place to park where I am just going to get off the road and sleep for my own safety and for the safety of all the other driver's on the road. I feel strongly enough about this that I will boycott any locale that is going to try to "strong-arm" me into spending money on what I consider to be a bad value. In many places that is called "extortion"!

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0	77	VA	L-T	0	100	<p>We don't plan on staying in a parking lot when we arrive at our destination but will use them on the way. I leave early in the morning and drive till after dark to cover as many miles as I can.</p> <p>If this rule banning parking is in effect I will not visit and will tell all my friends to not visit as well. We are the baby boomers entering retirement and have more money to spend than any other generation. Our Motorhomes cost up to 2 million dollars and we like to eat out and spend money and will only spend it where we are made to feel welcome.</p>
0	79	TX	F-T	25	100	<p>We spent a lot of money for a rig that is self contained. If a campground would offer a boondocking site for a minimum fee, say \$5 US, we would stay there when we want to boondock, but to pay \$25-\$45 a night for services we don't need nor use is unfair to us. The campground owners seem to think its unfair for Rvers to boondock, we think its unfair to pay high campground fees when we do not use their facilities. If they want to charge me \$5 to dump or add water, thats ok with me, but they cannot provide me a minimal parking space for a minimal fee, then don't expect me to pay full cost for services I neither need nor want.</p>
0	83	TX	L-T	5	80	<p>Use parking lots for overnight in between destinations, if we can't drive it in one day. There are some parks that do not allow overnighers.</p>
0	85	ON	L-T	0	50	<p>The sites we stayed at in NS were far from good and one even let us down even though we had booked for the July 1 weekend 6 months earlier.</p>
0	86	AK	F-T	25	75	<p>Yukon Territories has also put up signs at all their Highway Pull Offs stating no overnight parking.(two years ago) We usually travel thru there in May and October,(last six years) either before the parks open for summer or after they have closed for the winter. We would avoid the Yukon if possible but it's the only way to travel from lower US to Alaska. We have spent several nights in pullouts marked "No Overnight" and so far have not been told to move on. I think the signs are just an effort to get us all to use the RV Parks, and there are a lot of folks who don't feel safe using the pullouts, so it's good that they have quite a few parks. We're not against using the parks but just find it so much easier to pull off on a nice wide spot for the night and then continue on the next morning. 40 foot MH and Toad normally require an unhook if we use a park plus checking in and out are also time consuming. But there almost all closed when we go thru so I don't know what an officer might have to say to me one of these trips???</p>

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0	88	TX	F-T	15	70	The decision to stay at a campground is always one of value. When it's 85 degrees at night, it is worth \$15-\$20 to have electricity, rather than run the generator all night. If I'm just passing through and it would be out of my way to search out a campground, staying at a Wal-Mart is an acceptable solution to me. It is not free camping, since I frequently spent \$50 to \$100 in the store any time I stop. The sorts of bans being studied do not focus on delivering value to the RVer. Instead, they focus on forcing the RVer to patronize businesses (campgrounds) that may not be delivering value at all. I, for one, won't knowingly be forced into that kind of situation. The truth of RV life is that you have to have a place to stop every night, so I just won't go places that aren't RV friendly.
0	91	PQ	L-T	0	100	we cancelled our plan for a trip to n.s. this summer
0	92	SD	L-T	10	100	Was planning a trip next summer to the eastern region of Canada. Will leave Nova Scotia off my plan. If they are unfriendly to RV'ers, I can take my \$\$ somewhere else.
0	94	MI	L-T	0	100	I usually stay in campgrounds if I'm going to be doing the tourist thing but if driving from spot A to spot B and need a resting spot for 6 to 8 hours I will stay at a WalMart or a casino which has some sort of security. Can't justify staying at a campground just to sleep and not use the facilities that I'm forced to pay for even though I don't use them. I'm not going to hookup in I'm planning to leave in 6 to 8 hours. I'm not in favor of campers setting up camp for day's in a WalMart lot but think staying at a casino and will use their parking lot for a few day's is fine if I'm not going anywhere else in the area, if they have a campground I will usually use them if staying there for 2 or more days. Parking lot overnight bans only makes me avoid that area. I would like to visit Nova Scotia next year before the Newmar rally in September as others that attend this rally might want to do but with the premium camping space available I'm not going to that area and sure others will feel the same. There will be about 1000 units at this rally which could be a economic boon to any area.
0	97	NY	F-T	0	100	This whole controversy is about individual freedom. Parking bans are protectionist moves in favor of campgrounds and are therefore unconstitutional here in the USA. I will not spend any of my hard earned money where I am dictated to as to where/what I can and can not go and do!!!!
0	102	TX	F-T	0	20	Your question G four is difficult to answer with a yea or nay as the courtesy and behavior of th parked

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						RVer's are what makes the image. We will use asphalt campgrounds as little as possible normally our high usage is during long or cross country trips under deadline not if we are in a tourist mindset.
0	103	MB	VAC	10	80	For the most part, when staying in a parking lot it is because we are stopping before our final destination. Parking lots are convenient and close to shopping. Walmart has a great program of allowing rv'ers a space to rest and it is smart of them too. I usually end up patronizing their store when we stop, for supplies.
0	104	NJ	L-T	50	100	Do not go to places that set to many rules
0	106	ON	VAC	25	100	It is outrageous that the NS government was so easily influenced by a lobby group and enacted such a draconian law as a "solution" to a "perceived problem".
0	107	NH	VAC	40	60	We have vacationed in several Canadian provinces over the years. We enjoy the Canadian people, atmosphere, safety and the exchange rate is a bonus as well. We've been to Nova Scotia several times (spent our honeymoon there--27 years ago)and have always felt welcomed. We're less than pleased about the overnight parking issue. Thanks for doing the survey---hope it helps all parties.
0	108	IL	L-T	10	90	We over night in Walmart, Flying J's and Cracker Barrels while traveling from area to area. It is for over night only so we may get some rest and no longer than 10 hours or less. We always shop/eat at the places we stop at. If camp grounds offered over night rates with no hook-up's that were reasonable we would consider them. If and when an area were to not allow over night parking so the traveling public may rest would impact our decisions to visit that area.
0	110	NC	VAC	50	100	I can't help but think that this ban will actually hurt the campground owners there. I'm sure that a lot of RVs will be pointed in some other direction. I don't see the need for this ban and consider it unfair both to the RVer and to property owners who do allow overnight parking.
0	111	TX	F-T	10	80	I've been to NS before. It is beautiful. My hope is that you won't do anything to detract from it's desirability as a place to visit. I just do not understand why local/state/provincial governments want to do

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						things that take away visitors from their area. But, in your infinite wisdom, you MUST have some reason not fathonable to the common people.
0	113	CO	L-T	100	100	When we stop at a parking lot it is useally around 10:00 pm. and we are gone by 9:00 am. We are going to Maine and we are going to go through Canada and we will be using campgrounds as it is part of our destanation. When we leave home I plan to use 2 Wal-Mart lots as we want to travel long days so we have more time to spend were we are going. The city I live has a ban on overnight parking and I make a point not to buy in Fort Collins. They won't be collecting the sales tax on my next RV purchase. So from my stand point it should make the local RV public more upset than the travelers as it is easy to avoid the nonRV friendly places 7/22/05
0	114	TX	F-T	0	50	This is typical of a socialistic country. Regulate everything. The campground owners make a good living, but want every nickel and dime. The only time we stay in a parking lot is when we are traveling through and have no need for campground services. I don't like it when these governmental morons think they are so smart that they know what is best for all of us. 'Nuff said
0	118	TX	F-T	0	100	As long as they have this ban. I will not visit. Too bad because I would like to.
0	122	BC	L-T	0	100	Go into an Rv park and ask for a site with no services and you pay dearly for nothing but a place to park. Same think in wal-mart parking lot although its free. We have a set amount of travel dollars, if we do not spend it on RV parks, we spend it in resturants. The area still gets the money, just goes to a different pocket.
0	123	ON	L-T	0	100	I do not wish to use a WalMart but one never knows when a situation can arise and it bothers me to feel that a parking lot could not be used in an emergency. My previous experience of Nova Scotia Campgrounds was not good. The sites were small and we have a big rig.
0	124	TX	L-T	0	100	I travel in a RV because I like the freedom to what I want to, when I want to. If I want to park somewhere besides a RV park, I do it. If a city, state or province says I cannot, then I WILL NOT travel there.
0	125	TX	L-T	30	70	Remember, if I can not park there at my convenience, I will not spend money there. Would you rather I

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						spend \$25.00 at a campground I do not really need or \$100.00 for supplies and dinner at a "free" camp spot?
0	129	FL	F-T	50	55	We never plan to stay in a parking lot. However when traveling from the east coast to the west coast (which we do annually) we often find it convient to pull into a parking lot for a quick overnight stay. We always shop or have a meal in the owners establishment. We are apalled at the liberties we see some RV'ers taking of this convience offered for our benifit. We were in Nova Scotia last fall for two weeks and stayed in campgrounds the entire time. We loved the Province and with a little luck will return for another visit sometime.
0	130	ON	VAC	10	100	When you have no other place to stop for the night and will be up early the next morning and on your way I see nothing wrong with it. When we head south in Feb. we have no choice but to stop in a Flying J or Wal-mart for at least one night. But if there is a camp ground available we would much rather stay in one even if we do have to pay for the night.
0	133	IL	VAC	50	75	We frequently overnight in Cracker Barrel restaurants when we are on the road late (1 - 3 AM) and plan on continuing early in the morning. Much preferable to disturbing others in a campground with our large diesel.
0	135	SD	VAC	0	50	I hope that this survey has an affect on Nova Scotia and other areas that may impose parking restrictions.
0	136	AZ	F-T	0	50	I vote with my \$ and will not support any community, state or country that places restrictions on RV'ers that are soley designed to increase the profits of campground owners. Placing restrictions on overnight parking is exactly that in my opinion and experiance. It will not bother me a bit to completely exclude all of Canada from our travels because of this. If I need to get a few hours of sleep to continue my journey and be alert on the road I'll stop at a parking lot / truck stop to so so. I am not interested in spending money just to sleep less than 7 or 8 hours.
0	137	NM	F-T	0	100	It is absurd to ban overnight parking for one type of vehicle! A can of legal worms will be opened with that kind of thinking! EVERYWHERE any vehicles are allowed to park overnight are the same places RV's MUST be allowed

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						<p>overnight parking privileges.</p> <p>RV Park owners everywhere do too much whining. If they want more business.....lower costs AND prices. Also provide larger RV sites & fewer "amenities" like Rec Halls, swimming pools, exercise rooms, planned activities... RV'rs who want to stay overnight anywhere are looking for a quiet flat place to park & rest overnight.....not a place to stretch out, get involved in activities, & socialize!</p> <p>RV parks with huge "Recreational" facilities & tiny spaces all crammed together have NO appeal at all for me! Camping is NOT about listening to neighbors sneeze &/or argue all night long! Camping is NOT about being crammed in between other RV's with nothing to look at but other RV's.....</p> <p>For overnight parking I will drive extra miles to avoid costly, cramped, "convenient" RV Parks! Actively banning areas that prohibit overnight RV parking has been my practice for more than 21 years!</p>
0	138	UT	F-T	25	90	<p>We mainly spend the night in a Wal-Mart parking lot/truck stop/shopping center parking lot when we are just going thru an area and just need to rest for the night. To us it is foolish to pay to stay in a campground just for sleeping purposes.</p> <p>If we are going to be in an area for two days or more then we find a campground and stay there.</p> <p>We believe this is the reasoning used by many RVer's.</p>
0	139	ON	VAC	100	100	<p>I have too many relatives in Nova Scotia to be concerned about some campground owner who gets his say at when it comes to parking by-laws, since there's usually a handfull of them wanting us to come "camp" at in their yard.</p> <p>First of all, there aren't really all that many campgrounds in Nova Scotia to start with, so unless there's some sort of push on to build more (?) I don't see what the problem is.</p> <p>Plus, there's a huge difference between stopping for an overnight on your way through, to "setting up camp" at a mall or Wal-Mart. And, what kind of enjoyment is that anyway?</p> <p>So, if there were a ban on parking for more than one night, then perhaps that would curb the urge for those who want to stay and stay, but if the municipalities are going to rely on the RCMP to enforce a parking ban,</p>

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						then I say good luck, since they have other things to occupy their time. Thanks for the survey.
0	142	SD	F-T	0	100	<p>Self-contained RVs pose no health or safety hazards whatsoever when properly maintained and used. The need to simply "overnight" without camping is very important. Does NS govt actually want over-tired RV drivers wandering the roads in search of licensed campsites? What about the loss of revenue to the property owners at large stores and truck stops where RVers who are stopping overnight spend significant amounts?</p> <p>Full-time and frequent traveling RVers are well organised and have excellent communication networks. A boycott by them would not be a trivial matter and would harm both the licensed campgrounds, where they spend the majority of their time as well as all other NS businesses.</p>
0	150	OH	L-T	0	60	Great survey Andrew. We just completed a trip out west (USA) and spent 4 nights in CGs 7 days visiting relatives & 6 nights in FJs, rest areas (where permitted) & walmarts. Previously we went to Mardi Gras in Lafayette LA & spent 2 nights on the road going in Flying Js & 2 nghts returning in FJs & one in Walmart + 10 days in a CG. Our money was spent along the way at restaurants & tourist places. CGs are usually off the beaten track & we get in too late to try & stay in them. The last time we went to NS was 1970 & if the ban remains it will be the last time too. Its too bad cause everyone loses on this deal, we don't want to shut down early to get into a CG
0	152	WA	F-T	50	50	We nearly always camp in campgrounds, but we enjoy the freedom to stop in a parking lot when we're just passing through on our way to a destination campground. Our "employment interest" in RV parks is that we're workampers.
0	153	TX	F-T	50	90	We are retired and travel on a pretty limited budget. We stop in a truck stop or parking lot no more than one night in two, and that is to stretch the budget. There are areas that we can not afford to visit if we can not spend some nights where there is no cost to stay. With fuel prices rising we, like many of the full-time RV lifestyle, must find ways to stretch the budget, or limit the amount and the distance that we travel. We always spend our visits in an RV park when we stop for several nights, but parking where it is free is the way that we can afford to travel great distance.

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0	154	IN	L-T	0	50	Allow o'nite parking(one night only) and police it. Stop the parking lot "campers" from week long stays, trash scattering, etc. Good Luck.
0	163	IA	VAC	0	10	Have visited Nova Scotia in MH. Very enjoyable. Not real likely to do it again for some time. -- long distance and other places to go that haven't seen.
0	165	VT	F-T	0	50	I will not stay/visit/or spend money in any area or town that enforces restrictions on blacktop parking if local businesses would otherwise permit it.
0	169	TX	VAC	0	25	Allowing overnight RV parking in commercial lots provides a needed safety net for RVers who have traveled far, are tired, and just want to pull off the road safely and sleep. Why would such a person want or need the amenities of a full hookup RV park in those circumstances? Parking bans are stupid, and hurt the community far more than they help it.
0	173	ON	VAC	100	100	I think that overnight parking in lots has its merits. Although I haven't done it so far, I would not be at all adverse to do so, only when in transit from Point A to Point B. Since we are still at the point in our lives when vacation days are at a premium, we prefer to drive long days to get where we're going. I wouldn't hesitate to pull into a parking lot at 9 or 10 pm, leaving the RV hooked to the truck, shop if necessary, sleep and be on the road the next morning at 7 or 7:30.
0	177	FL	L-T	0	100	Had planned 5 - 10 days in Nova Scotia this fall as part of a NE swing spending time in New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Certainly won't be entering NS now! PS - we only use parking lots when we are "running" between destinations, only with permission, and NEVER put down the jacks, run out the slides, or run the generator. Generally such overnights are Wal-Marts and we seldom leave without dropping at least \$100 US in the store. If it is a truck stop, we fill up and that is well over \$150 US these days! Compare that with \$20 - 30 for a site for a night (where we only connect electrics if we are running). Maybe that is why Wal-Mart and truck stops are happy to have RVers. I can't believe the campground owners in NS actually support this law and its enforcement. They are extremely short sighted and costing themselves much more business than they will ever gain!
0	178	ON	VAC	100	100	Overnighting in Parking Lots is an excellent alternative for those intermediate stops on a journey to a final destination. We use this opportunity when it is a direct trip and we need to get off the road and grab a

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						<p>safety shuteye. If campgrounds offered a cheap in and out convenient overflow type area I would be glad to use their service but I resent paying full price just to nap and leave.</p> <p>While we are leaving this week to go to the Maritime Provinces and while the ban or no ban will not have an effect on the trip I still disagree with the restriction.</p>
0	181	NC	L-T	100	100	<p>FYI-- Just got home from a month on the road-- New England states, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.</p> <p>One night in Truro, we decided to stay at the Wal-Mart since it was late. There were 3 units in the lot when we got there. We spent the night, no one bothered us. Then the next morning I saw the "No Parking Overnight" sign several spaces behind us.</p> <p>The store was closed when we pulled into the lot so there was no one to ask.</p> <p>Good luck with your survey.</p>
0	182	VA	VAC	40	100	<p>I do not like the idea that the private campgrounds are able to dictate the law. Campgrounds can now provide POOR service and increase their camping fees. This will reduce or eliminate camping/spending in those localities that ban overnite stays on private lots and/or private non campground locations. A lot of times all we need is a safe location to spend overnight and not the expense of having access to a lot of campground recreation/ activities!</p> <p>PS. I don't have a vote in Novia Scotia and other location other than home but I DO VOTE WITH MY WALLET!!!!</p>
0	183	NB	L-T	100	100	<p>I do not believe that a ban on overnight parking in lots such as WalMart is in the best interests of either the province/state nor the camping public. Though I do not use these facilities myself, having a Pop Up, I firmly believe that anyone who can, should have the right to stay overnight so long as the parking lot owners (i.e. WalMart) permit such parking. It is good for business and good for the public.</p>
0	186	NB	VAC	10	100	<p>I use overnight parking when I am on the move. When I reach my destination, that is when I want to stay in a camp ground and have the amenities. I think the campground associations are making far too much of this and the lawmakers are making unenforceable rules. If anyone knocks on my fully curtained campervan in the night, I will just remain silent. there is no way a policeman can tell if I am inside and I doubt they would go to the trouble of getting a search permit and breaking in.</p>

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						<p>It is plain stupidity to force someone off a rest area when they are sleeping ... if they later fell asleep at the wheel they could sue the authorities! I think the reason the police do not enforce it is that they are sensible human beings who see the results of people driving when tired all too often.</p> <p>I sympathise with the campground operators in NS. they have big expenses, licences to obtain, bylaws etc to follow whereas it costs Walmart nothing to allow campers to stay.</p> <p>Instead of this ridiculous law that only reduces tourism (people will avoid states where these rules apply) there should be a mandatory limit of 1 night's stay permitted. Overnighting for 1 night is not camping, it is resting. BIG DIFFERENCE! Truck drivers rest in rest stops and so should anyone who needs to. This is such a STUPID rule and that is why I suspect the police do not want to enforce it.</p>
0	187	TN	VAC	20	100	<p>In previous visits to Nova Scotia I have arrived very late and very tired and very glad to find a place to stop driving. Most of the time it was near midnight since we had to travel on a tight schedule due to work responsibilities. It is always good to just pull into a parking lot and clean up and go to bed after a long tiring drive through Maine and New Brunswick. I have loved Nova Scotia in the past but find that due to parking restrictions and hassles at the border crossings, that a trip there is very much less appealing for me. I have just completed a 5 week trip to the Canadian Rockies from Tennessee with many overnight stays at Flying J and Walmarts while in the US. I find that travel to Canada due to border crossing hassle and bans such as Nova Scotia has implemented will no longer be worth the trouble and expense. I have bought and paid for my self contained rig and for someone to enact a law that forbids me to use it as it was intended, I find is just not acceptable to me. I will make a concentrated effort to keep my tourist dollars in the US if this is the attitude in Canada. It makes me sad that I must say that.</p>
0	188	CT	L-T	0	0	<p>Andy, an interesting survey and although I have a LOT to say on the subject I'll keep my comments to "ediquette": I see no reason to ask permission at a place that CLEARLY allows overnighting although if I do see a security guard I'll mention that I would like to stay overnight.....I ALWAYS park out of the way and in so doing I see no reason so as not to extend my slides.....jacks are sometimes different, in hot weather I don't extend jacks on to asphalt. Lawn chairs and awnings are an absolute NO. There is no doubt in my mind from the idiot things that I see a minority of campers do, that we soon will ruin this generous favor for ourselves.</p>

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						<p>Briefly stated, if CG owners would offer a type of "express" brief stay, no hook-up (or power only) camping where I stayed only a few nighttime hours and did not use their facilities, I wouldn't mind paying a small reasonable amount.</p> <p>Worst case senario is this.....pull into a KOA after 9PM, office closed...I take a site posted on the door and now I have to unhook my toad and back into a dark site..I then use a small amount of their electricty (for a few hours I don't bother with the water hook-up and we always use our own bathroom anyway). 7:30AM....hook up the car and I want to leave, office not open until 9AM.....I waste an hour and a half (about 75 miles)and then give the owner \$32.00. I'm fuming and he wonders why I prefer WalMart!!!!!!!!!!</p>
0	197	OH	L-T	50	100	<p>It is nice to know that a person could pull off the road and park someplace where they are welcome and safe; should the need arise. We all get sick and tired at some point in our life and find the need to park it until we can continue. Especially as we age, there are times we feel better if there is a medical facilities nearby should we need it; perhaps we should pull over and wait a few hours. Perhaps something doesn't sound or work right and it is after hours at the local fix it shop; rather than chancing a bigger problem we need a safe place to wait till morning. Remember most of the RVs are bigger than a normal passenger vehicle and size matters when it comes to getting in and getting out of places unlike a car. There will always be people who abuse any situation and those whose misunderstand why someone would do that till they are in that situation. Thanks for taking an interest in this.</p> <p>If in a situation that required an emergency stop the best place for advice is the local police often they may let you park in their lot; if it is permissable.</p>
0	198	UT	L-T	100	100	<p>I like Nova Scotia and will continue to visit there.</p> <p>Having more free stops is good but not the main factor.</p>
0	202	WA	VAC	0	10	<p>if the government chooses to limit where folks can park than they have an obligation to limit the expence, assure the availabiliety and quality of the service.</p>
0	203	TX	L-T	5	40	<p>rving is being free. baning rv parking sort of takes away some of that freedom. i probably will never go to</p>

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						nova scotia. i hear there are to many rag heads living there any way. TEXAS - LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE BRAVE. WHERE DOES CANADA FIT INTO THAT. I WAS BORN IN MANITOBA BUT I SURE HATE TO ADMIT IT. I AM PLANNING A TRIP TO MANITOBA AND ONTARIO SUMMER OF 06.
0	204	TN	L-T	20	100	In all the cases of banning overnight parking in public parking lots where parking has been allowed by the owner or operator of the lot, the campground owners in the area have persuaded the local politicians to pass ordinance against parking for the money that could be put into their pockets.
0	205	VA	VAC	0	75	Next time we visit friends in Oxford we will camp on the US side and drive over and stay with them.
0	208	AL	L-T	100	100	We are planning trip to Nova Scotia and PEI in September. Until I read about the parking ban we were going to stay mostly in Nova Scotia, but now I think we may stay on the Island. I was planning to visit the light houses on the east coast and getting photos in the rising sun. To do this I would need to spend the night close to the light house. A parking ban will make this function impossible and the trip will not be has enjoyable.
0	212	NH	VAC	0	100	99 percent of the time when we use a parking lot, it is due to the fact that we are all self contained, do not need any services, will arrive late in the afternoon and leave early in the am. If campground owners, had a spot of these type of services, we would be more apt to stop. What in the world do I want to spend \$30.00 or better when I have everything I need. That's what we spend the big dollars for, so we can be self contained. A lot of the parks aren't even updated to take a good size 5er or motor home. If we were staying in a town for a few days, we would most certainly use a park, but a quick overnight, why bother.
0	213	MS	L-T	50	50	It is better to see RVers in a truck stop, rest stop, or other place than trying to find a campground when dog tired and still on road and not knowing where a (the) campground is.
0	214	MB	VAC	0	60	If the property owner is in agreement for and "overnight" stay than I believe it is within their rights to

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						allow this. There is already too much government interference into what personal/commercial property owners can and cannot do on "their" property. I do not feel that an organization such as a "Campground or Rv park" have the right to dictate or enforce a law for their favor. I thought we lived in a "FREE COUNTRY" and not seized by totalitarianism.
0	218	ON	L-T	25	100	I have written to the Premier of Nova Scotia about this situation.
0	221	TX	L-T	0	80	Good survey. I know the few etiquette challenged among the RV community are trying to spoil it for the majority... These are the same folks who dump tanks on parking lots in the middle of the night, ruined CB radio, and are, in general, trash! It annoys me that we always let the challenged FEW 'run the show' and impact the MANY. Let's ignore them when possible; catch them and take them out of society when the opportunity presents itself. Good RVers are a boon to any community, or region - challenged RVers are a blight on us all...
0	226	ON	L-T	60	60	<p>Parking for a period of time in any parking lot, whether a retail outlet such as Wal-Mart, service centre such as Flying J or eating outlet such as Cracker Barrel, whether only for the length of time necessary to shop, refuel and eat or just eat, should be left up to the individual.</p> <p>In many cases, a simple rest stop to get some needed sleep, or to replenish supplies and also get some rest, is the reason to stop at the particular location.</p> <p>In the one case where we stayed at a Wal-Mart while travelling during the winter/spring season the area through which we were travelling had no open campgrounds at that time of year and we absolutely had to stop to rest. We arrived late afternoon and left very early the next morning. We were not totally comfortable in doing that given the negative feelings often expressed on this forum (RV.NET) but we really had no alternative but to keep driving, which in my consideration would have been unsafe.</p> <p>I also believe that if campground owners offered a limited fee site for overnight stays where facilities are not requested or required such as electric and water and sewer, they would attract more campers to stay there rather than at a parking lot. For example, if a traveller arrived after 5 or 6 pm and was to leave at say 7 or 8 am and simply just park, and not use the dumping facility then a nominal fee could be charged. (\$5 to 8\$ perhaps) The presence of the campground security may attract those travellers. I for one would take</p>

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						advantage of it. Those campgrounds that offer that kind of service could advertise it in Woodall's or Trailer Life or on a web site if one is available.
0	227	VA	VAC	20	100	<p>We visited Nova Scotia a number of years ago by cruise ship, and very much want to come for an extensive RV visit in next year or two. We use campgrounds whenever possible, but sometimes cannot get space or find ourselves in a new area where there are no facilities. An unconditional ban subjects us to legal prosecution for violating a law or regulation with which we have no reasonable ability to comply.</p> <p>RV-based tourists like to explore new areas unknown to them. That is a major reason that we purchase these relatively expensive vehicles. If you were traveling by RV in an unfamiliar place and could not find commercial accommodation, what would you do? Driving about in circles all night seems an unwise, unsafe option.</p> <p>I suggest that parking after dark (with permission) to get a few hours sleep in an area where there are no commercial accommodations available within an hour's drive should not constitute a criminal act.</p> <p>Preventing "camping" in non-commercial campgrounds is easily defined and enforced. Maximum stays could be limited for example to 8 hours and only after dark. Display of "camping" equipment such as folding chairs, tables, cooking equipment, extension of awnings etc., can be prohibited.</p> <p>It is unkind and unreasonable to make illegal this sometimes unavoidable act. If sleeping any place other than commercial campgrounds is to be illegal, then local government enforcement agencies should be able to refer travelers to available, legal accommodation within a defined accessible distance.</p> <p>My family wants to come and experience Nova Scotia. This would involve spending a fair amount of both time and money. We are neither lepers nor street urchins. Please let us treat each other with respect and mutual consideration.</p>
0	231	CA	VAC	0	75	In my opinion the enactment of an outright ban on overnight parking for limited use, such as single-night intransit stopovers, is indicative of an overall unfriendliness of an area, not only to RV-based travellers, but to travellers in general. Regardless of intent it creates the impression that tourists and travellers are

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0	233	ON	L-T	100	100	<p>I believe that it is not within the mandate of government to force the use of a commercial business (in this case campgrounds) by restricting the freedom of individuals to camp elsewhere.</p> <p>Think of it another way: The government is saying "because a person is selling a product (or service) no one else may give it away."</p> <p>I will always travel to Nova Scotia because it is a beautiful province but this latest action is very disturbing.</p>
0	234	FL	L-T	75	100	<p>I feel it is wrong for the government to tell someone who may or may not park on his private property. This also may cause a loss of revenue to the business. The few times I have overnighted in a parking lot I made it a point to take advantage of the close proximity of the store that allowed me to use the parking lot. I also remember the places that do not allow this. I shop in R/V friendly stores whenever possible.</p>
0	237	BC	VAC	1	80	<p>We've pulled into rest stops for home cooked meals or a few hours sleep during longer trips. We've also overnighted on the property of relatives or friends. We've NEVER overnighted at Walmart, or any other shopping centre parking lot, and likely won't in the future, however, I don't believe that there should be a prohibition in that regard. The only criteria that should have any bearing is whether the owner of the property is willing to make it available, and if travellers are willing to stay.</p> <p>We have, on several occasions, decided to cancel a planned stop of several days at a nearby campground (Lake Havasu and Flagstaff recently), deciding instead to keep on travelling when we noticed signs prohibiting overnighting, during supply stops at shopping centres. I will go to great lengths to avoid leaving my money in any jurisdiction with such prohibitions.</p> <p>The practice is no more unfair to campground owners than cooking facilities in RVs (or residences, for that matter)are unfair to restaurant owners , carrying tools is unfair to repair facilities or having a partner is unfair to escort agencies.</p>
0	239	ON	L-T	0	100	<p>I usually only use Walmart if I arrive late or i'm lost or don't feel I should be driving for any reason. I usually find a campground if only for the conveniences proved.</p> <p>I sympathise somewhat for the Campground owners but hate to have a gun put to my head. If the same</p>

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						was done to ALL vehicles visiting the province no matter where they originated, you would soon here moans and wails from the local bussinesses. Discrimination?
0	241	NC	VAC	0	50	<p>As a retired bachelor with about \$50K US in a class B van, I consider myself much more of a 'tourer' than a camper. I rarely need the services of a CG, just every 4-6 days for dumping and laundry; when I do, I find that I have little in common with my camping 'neighbors', and their dogs, kids & music are likely to be an annoyance.</p> <p>While I might briefly visit a destination with a parking lot ban, I would avoid spending any more money there than essential, and I certainly wouldn't linger. I'd get in, see whatever had attracted me to the area, and get out. I'd likely bring in food, or eat cheap, and buy gas outside the area.</p>
0	243	MA	L-T	0	90	<p>I purchased an RV and paid good money to NOT need hookups and do not WANT the other facilities offered by RV parks. I highly resent being forced to PAY for being some place I do not want to be in the first place...</p> <p>I go where I have a choice to be in places I want to be in...to pay for services I want and leave the rest. It's no fun for me to be TOLD I must go a certain place. We were caught in Durango CO that way at the end of a day's run last fall...no place to park overnight legally but in a campground. We left early the next morning and will never go back there.</p>
0	244	CA	L-T	0	100	<p>Many times when we travel from point A to point B we like to stop where we can grab a few hours sleep without having to unhook our car and back into a camping spot. If we need groceries, etc. it is very convenient to stop on a large parking lot, do our necessary shopping, visit a restaurant within walking distance, get some sleep and head to the area we want to spend time in the next morning. If this is unavailable to us in the whole province, state, etc. we will not travel to that area. We found that the limits imposed in Quebec and Montreal meant that we were unable to even have a meal in the area and didn't do any shopping there either.</p>
0	246	FL	L-T	0	75	<p>We actually boycott cities (areas) where Campground owners petition the government to make laws forcing RV's to spend the night with them.</p>

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						<p>If individual businesses prohibit overnighting that is just fine and I respect that position. We live in Florida and businesses literally have to prohibit overnighting in their parking lots. There are snowbirds that will spend the entire winter in a parking lot if they are allowed to. Businesses in tourist destinations sometimes have to prohibit overnighting because too many RV'ers will "vacation" in their parking lot.</p> <p>When visiting Nova Scotia we would most likely spend every night in a campground but would boycott Nova Scotia entirely if a law says we HAVE to stay in a private campground.</p>
0	248	WI	VAC	0	70	<p>When traveling time is short we drive many times overnight stopping when it is no longer safe to drive staying less than 6 hours. The ban would cause us to drive a heavy vehicle in an unsafe manor at a time when we are planning on enjoying ourselves. Staying days or more those people should be ticketed.</p>
0	249	FL	L-T	75	75	<p>Although my travel patterns and personal preferences put me into campgrounds the vast majority of the time, I believe there are occasions where it is almost necessary to stay in a parking lot overnight.</p> <p>We visited Nova Scotia during the summer of 2004 and enjoyed every minute of it. We stayed in campgrounds by choice, although we encountered a slight difficulty in obtaining a space on one occasion (near Halifax). We found the people of Nova Scotia delightful, and are looking forward to another visit when we will spend more time in the province.</p>
0	252	PA	VAC	0	80	<p>My primary reason for using a parking lot is to sleep for 5-8 hours when traveling from point "A" to point "B". Points A&B are the destination campgrounds where I stay for 1-4 weeks typically. It is pointless to try and find/register/maneuver-into a commercial campground late at night, only to leave early the next morning - the office is generally not open, and the noise would annoy other campers. Not permitting a tired traveler to stop for some sleep will also promote accidents.</p>
0	256	NC	VAC	5	25	<p>With most of my destinations being 800 to 1200 miles from Homebase the ability to do 600 miles days with as many stops as necessary to maintain a safe and aware driving state is the main reason I stay in truck stop or other parking lots. In one area I visit the nearest "campground" is 55 miles there I park at the local Co-op feed store for three or four nights, in the other areas I use a local "campground" during my stay.</p>

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0	258	BC	L-T	25	50	I use parking lots only when travelling between destinations. At my destination, I gladly pay for campgrounds. When Oregon banned parking lot parking, I timed my trip so would not have to stop there.
0	259	TX	L-T	0	100	<p>While I have no say (and rightly so) in what any town or area does with regard to allowing or prohibiting RV parking the key word is VEHICLE which means mobile and since the title is in my name and the keys in my pocket I do have considerable say in where my RV and my money go.</p> <p>That said we have a firm policy that we (and our money) don t go were we are not welcome. Likewise we make a point to patronize those areas that make the effort to see that we are welcome.</p> <p>It has been my experience that parking bands are pushed by folk with an economic interest in the prohibition. The issues raised to support a prohibition are issues that are typically more than adequately address by other ordnances.</p> <p>Now for back ground, I'm an early retired engineer and my wife is a semi retired graphic artist. We have a winter home in Texas Hill country and a seasonal home in western NC mountains. We travel by RV up to six months per year. During the summer we have ourselves (2 adults) and my grand kids ages 2 to 16 plus their parents. On average we have 2-4 adults and 2 to 6 grand kids traveling with us.</p> <p>We have two RVs, one Class A diesel with most all the options and a smaller Class C.</p>
0	260	TN	VAC	0	30	<p>You left out the most important option in G(1) and that is: "it is none of the government's business what arrangements property owners have with their guests.</p> <p>-----</p>
0	261	WI	VAC	10	75	We rarely stay overnight in a parking lot. When we do it is because of an emergency or because we are enroute to our destination and simply need a spot to pull over and sleep before leaving again first thing. Although the quantity of times we do stay in a parking lot is very limited, they are very important to us, and the inability to spend a night in a parking lot seriously detracts from our desire to visit that area.
0	262	NJ	VAC	0	25	Sounds like the campground owners bought the politicians.

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0	263	PA	VAC	0	10	We have visited 49 States and most Canadian Provinces, have always been treated courteously. Increasingly officious attitudes by border personnel, and unjustified meddling by nitwit bureaucrats makes us feel unwelcome in recent times - and being compelled to use "for pay" facilities when we don't need them simply crosses NS off our list of possible sites to visit.
0	265	FL	L-T	0	10	If I would stay say at Wal Mart, or Flying J or the many numerous places including rest stops it would not be as a destination but more to get some sleep and hit the road the next day. I cannot accept people camping/staying in these type places just to save money. If I stop it generally is for a few hours and back on the road. It helps me be a safer driver instead of pushing it to get to the destination.
0	266	NY	L-T	30	100	I generally try to avoid areas that prohibit overnight parking in private parking lots as a general rule. In the case of a town or county I just go down the road to another area. I wish to spend my money where they try to earn it rather than legislate where I have to spend it. We turned down a trip to NS this year partly due to the ban.
0	269	TX	VAC	0	0	The last time we stayed at a WalMart, it was as a last resort. We called a few RV parks after hours. Haven't these people heard of an answering machine? They could at least record a message giving late arrival instructions. I pulled in to one place. No late arrival instructions or map posted at the office, so I pulled in and ended up on a dead end lane looking at a dumpster. I was mad about having to back out and decided to not give them my business and pushed on down the road. We ended up pulling in to a 24 hr. WalMart around midnight.
0	271	BC	F-T	0	100	In my opinion Nova Scotia is hurting their tourist industry by having the ban. Most of my overnight stays in my motorhome are done in campgrounds [95%]. There are times however when it is just plain not feasible.
0	274	ON	F-T	25	100	I was shocked to learn about this ban I have parked in nova scotia many times and now wonder if the good folks that have allowed it might be fines. I know they will be embarrassed about such a rule.
0	276	WA	F-T	0	0	We have personal reasons for not visiting Nova Scotia. However, a ban on overnight parking in parking

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						lots in ANY state or province would convince us to avoid that area.
0	278	ON	L-T	70	100	<p>Unfortunately your survey fails to make a clear enough distinction between legitimate truck stops / truck parking areas and other parking lots (i.e., Wal-Mart; shopping centres).</p> <p>In general we do not agree with or support the overnighting of RVs in Wal-Mart, or other, parking lots, even if allowed by the lot owner(s) and/or local bylaws. In our opinion, it is not a positive image for RVerS in general. There will inevitably be some RVerS who will fail to comply with even the most basic of necessary RV etiquette in such cases. There are also potentially significant safety & security issues involved.</p> <p>That said, there are numerous campground owners & operators who do deserve to have RVerS openly choose to overnight in a legal parking lot, Vs. patronizing some of their run down facilities.</p> <p>As we all generally spend more on our RVs over time, our minimum expectations of the traditional 'campground' will continue to increase. Often, a legal parking lot or truckstop is an attractive alternative. Until more campground owners 'get with the program', the option to occasionally be able to overnight our rigs in selected parking lots should not be legislated away.</p>
0	279	FL	L-T	0	50	<p>I work in sales from my RV in the US. And my travels take me to northern states in the winter where most campgrounds are closed. I use commercial parking lots, truck stops, and rest areas for catching a few hours of sleep while in transit to my destinations. I'm parking and resting much like an over the road driver. I'm certainly not on vacation and camping. If I'm discriminated against, in a particular area, simply because I make my living traveling and use a RV in the process, then, I don't need to be there. I won't bring my innovative ideas, or the latest technological advances of my industry to the business community. That ultimately translates into a stagnant tax base for local government. Nor will I spend my money or my company's money in the area. When government highly restricts the actions of business owners and/or a specific customer base in order to pad government coffers or enhance the profits of a relatively few businesses, that's discriminatory. Especially when there are no other options. Time limits are reasonable. Outright bans are ridiculous. North America is so vast, that I don't have to be bothered with such nonsense. Good luck Nova Scotia. When you arrive into the 21st Century and become business friendly,</p>

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						take out an ad in the USA Today and let me know.
0	283	BC	L-T	25	80	<p>We spent many nights in Campgrounds in Nova Scotia in 2004 on our trip across Canada and only a 2-3 in parking lots. While we were in Dartmouth we stayed 1 night at the Wal-mart as our reservations at Shubie RV park (the ONLY rv park in the area) did not begin until the following day and they could not accommodate us a day early. During this time the local civic government passed a bylaw prohibiting overnighing in parking lots. With no local alternative this left a very bad taste in our mouths! Until RV park owners begin offering simple overnight "no frills" spots for a reasonable price we will limit our stay in your wonderful province and explore the other, friendlier, eastern provinces and eastern states more extensively.</p> <p>Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to the Overnight Parking Ban issue,</p> <p>p.s.--among the many areas we camped in Full Service Parks were: Cape Breton, Fort Louisberg area, Digby, Lunenberg, and Dartmouth.</p>
0	286	MA	VAC	10	40	We will usually stay in a parking lot whan simply on our way to a destination. Not interested in a hookup/amenities as we are only there for a relatively short time.
0	287	MD	VAC	100	100	<p>We take many trips within the Middle Atlantic region of the United States. With one trip of a week and many weekends it does not take long to rack up 20 to 30 days a year.</p> <p>We have not had the opportunity, YET, to do a two day leg to our final destination. There is just a whole lot to do here within a day's drive - which I define as about 7 hours of actual driving.</p> <p>In three weeks we will be leaving for our first RV vacation to Florida (have always tent camped before). We are planning on do our first Walmart on the way down, stopping in South Carolina at an all night Walmart.</p> <p>I see many RVs parked in rest stops along with the over-the-road truckers and that does not seem to be a problem here.</p> <p>A big issue is that - in season - most camp grounds in this part of the US are pretty well booked so you have to book a reservation for an overnight stop or 'take your chances'.</p> <p>Too bad the campground owners want a monopoly. That is kind of the opposite of what RVing is all about. Go where you want - when you want.</p>

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						I will visit Nova Scotia within a couple of years. The parking ban will not stop me from making a first trip - but could be a significant decision factor when planning a second trip. Good luck with your survey.
0	289	CA	F-T	25	75	Nova Scotia is on our list for a visit. We have heard it is beautiful and the people are very welcoming there. We would look for a campground for the stay there, but if we could not stay overnight in an area to give us a chance to find the campground we want to stay in, or to rest until morning when we moved on. We would not stay in a campground for the few hours we would need to rest, so that is not a factor. We would be more apt to rest in a well lit parking lot overnight, then find a campground in the morning. We have crossed some towns in the U.S. off our list to visit because of restrictive parking practices. My suggestion is that towns welcome travelers by setting, perhaps, a time of no more than 2 nights in a parking lot if the travelers follow the common rules of courtesy. We are in a campground for a month because the nearby WalMart gave us this time to find a place. We do all of our shopping in whatever store lot we utilize overnight, and in our case, for the month we visit this area. Thank you for asking.
0	290	VA	VAC	100	100	I use overnights in parking lots as a way to make quick sleep stops when I am traveling long distances. I do not think that parking lots are or should be a substitute for going to a campground at a destination area. However, I do not believe that the added time and expense of a campground is necessary when the only purpose is to stop for a sleepover and move on. Too many governments believe that campgrounds should be protected from competition from other businesses that serve a similar purpose instead of forcing them to adapt to the competition. For example, campgrounds could prepare low-price sleep-over sites with no services as a way to offer the same convenience as the parking lot. Further, governments should not be banning overnights by RVs if the same lot is being used for long-distance trucks as a stopover. The owner of the property, particularly if that property is not near housing areas, is the best judge of how to use his lot. What's next, a ban on dumpstations because that allows an RV to avoid paying a service charge, or full overnight fee, to a campground? On the issue of Nova Scotia's ban, I will be coming to Nova Scotia in a few years because there are some

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						<p>sights to see. On the other hand, if I am somewhere with the alternative of only a second-rate campground because the Wal-Mart is not allowed to accomodate me, I will certainly be very dissatisfied with my experience in that province.</p> <p>By the way, on the etiquette question, I do bring out my camp chairs and such to sit in the parking lot area. I also do this if I am waiting while my wife shops at the discount outlet malls that populate many popular tourist sites.</p>
0	292	WA	VAC	0	0	<p>I only stay at a parking lot when I am passing through the area. I find it much more convenient to just pull in (usually late at night) and spend a short night. I will get gas, food, or other supplies at the business to which I parked at.</p> <p>Wal Marts are popular because they have thousands of locations that are off the beaten path and it is a great place to stock up on supplies. You never have to worry about what you may find at Wal Mart like some campgrounds. They are well light, lots of room, and many have on site security.</p> <p>I am against any city, state, or province that regulates private businesses from offering a basic level of hospitality.</p>
0	296	TN	L-T	0	0	<p>We overnight in parking lots while traveling. We CAMP in campgrounds, usually Public ones, we rarely stay in privately owned campgrounds.</p>
0	297	BC	L-T	100	100	<p>My experience is that the reason for staying in a parking lot is that due to arriving late, campground is closed for the night, and a person is only trying to get a few hours rest before hitting the road first thing in the morning. This should be prefered to having tired drivers on the 100 series highways in Nova Scotia save the 102, which are demanding to drive an RV even when the driver is in peak form.</p> <p>Area's such as Halifax, which have very few camping opportunities anywhere near town. From my knowledge and experience, I believe Shubie has the closest then Hammonds plains Rd, then Mt Uniacke. It will prevent people from coming to town if they can't stay anywhere.</p> <p>I will be spending time in Nova Scotia, with or without the ban. It is a necessity of my work.</p> <p>Campground cost is prohibitive should someone wish to just get a nights sleep. Area's should be provided</p>

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						<p>for RV boondocking in privately owned areas for low cost, this would bring people in.</p> <p>Things I have seen in my travels include municipal owned area's for boondocking ranging from cheap to free. This helps bring people into a downtown area, and gives them money to spend.</p> <p>Personal beef- Halifax area RV dealerships are useless gougers that make it preferential to drive to Bridgewater for repairs. It also leaves travelers with a bad taste.</p>
0	300	SK	L-T	0	100	Campgrounds are like being in Florida in January...just because it is January, we do not have to put on snow tires. I do not need campgrounds, I am self sufficient but will use them *IF* I'll be in the area for more than two days.
0	301	ON	L-T	10	50	The CG operators have the ear of the politicians....now that there is a ban in place, watch the rates soar, the quality drop and the complaints start to gather...
0	302	ON	L-T	0	0	I do not often stay over night in parking lots but I would like to have the right to do so if I chose to do so. Especially before or after the season that campgrounds are closed.
0	303	ON	VAC	10	100	Some campgrounds in nova scotia are over priced and run down. These parks will not get my RV monies. Maybe thats why parking lots are so popular??
0	304	MS	VAC	0	50	We normally stay in campgrounds once in a while we are tired and just passing through just need to sleep a few hours. Campgrounds are usually out of the way Full on weekends or overpriced when you just want to sleep and not use facilities. We will stap sleep the move on. We always make a point to patronize any business if possible whose parking lot we use. We will buy deli, ice, groceries etc where we stop. We visited New Brunswick and Nova Scotia 5 years ago and planned to go back this summer bt took our business elsewhere ie to NM Colordo. We both teach so we travel for 2 months each summer if we can't occasional stop in a Walmart etc in a pinch we will not travel thwe area. Since we can't park in parking lot single nights 4 or 5 times in a summer than can lose the other 50 days of our campground fees. We only parking lotted it 2 time in the whole month of June but we had the option. A big problem is Holiday weekends local campgrounds usually fill up wit reservations an travellers have to find what they can often parking lots. We prefer campgrounds and state and national parks but need the option in a pinch.

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0	306	NC	L-T	50	100	<p>We were planning on spending most of next Summer touring Nova Scotia. We have already ordered and received information.</p> <p>We will probably still visit, but perhaps not until this subject is straightened out, and not for as long as previously mentioned.</p>
0	307	OH	L-T	10	50	<p>We have been to Nova Scotia and absolutely loved it! It would be a shame for NS to take such an action so unfriendly to RVers. When travelling as quickly as possible from point A to point B, camp grounds and RV parks are ridiculously expensive; being allowed to park for free in a reasonably safe environment (such as WalMart lots) makes certain trips far more likely.</p>
0	309	SD	F-T	50	65	<p>Parking bans are kinda stupid, IMO. What's the difference between catching a few hours of sleep or rest during the day vs. at night? And we all know how dangerous tired drivers are on the road. And often there are no open CG's in areas where we travel, we don't stick to the "on season" times and places!</p>
0	312	NB	L-T	0	75	<p>The idea that stopping for a quick nights sleep while enroute to a destination requires a stop at a campground is ludicrous...Let the campgrounds come up with a "short stay" price...in at 8 pm and out by 8 AM ...something like that at a significantly reduced price...otherwise let us be</p>
0	314	ON	L-T	40	60	<p>We do not overnight often but certainly appreciate the opportunity to do so. If the owner of the property allows (encourages) it, then the government should stay out of it.</p> <p>The government gets involved on too many things it shoudn't & doesn't do a good job in the things it should be involved in.</p>
0	317	CT	L-T	60	100	<p>If campgrounds are full or cannot fit large rv then we must have somewhere to stay over night.</p>
0	318	BC	L-T	0	50	<p>We visited Nova Scotia two years ago. Will visit again, but not if parking ban is there!</p>
0	320	ID	L-T	20	100	<p>Seems to be just another encroachment by government on the freedom of the individual, ie, the owner of the property, allowing rv's to use their property. It also just "feels" restrictive to me personally. I think most of like to make decisions regarding where we spend our time rather than having government make them for us. Campgrounds are for camping. I use them often. Walmarts and similar are for traveling</p>

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						through. Walmart definately benefits from me when I use their facility. Every time. I'm thankful to them. They make it possible for folks on marginal incomes to travel and see their country (or another, like Canada), and even make it to "pay campgrounds" that might not otherwise see these folks. Stupid rule. -----
0	321	WA	L-T	0	80	<p>We just completed a 14 day hotel/bus tour of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and would like to return and spend a longer period of time visiting with our RV. The main disadvantage of our visit was having to make advance (hotel) reservations for our overnight stays, then having to conform to the pre-concieved timetable regardless of whether we desired to spend more or less time visiting a particular area. That is the greatest advantage to RV travel - the ability to modify your itinerary at will - and this advantage is nullified if the RVer is allowed to stay only in approved campgrounds. Occasionally logistics will cause us to stay overnight in a parking lot (with the owner's permission) because it is easier than making last minute reservations. Often we have found that the local campground is full, and staying overnight in a parking lot has kept us from driving while tired to a more distant campground.</p> <p>We would be very leery of visiting an area that would make us drive to a more distant campground while tired from a full day of sightseeing and other activities instead of letting us rest in a more convenient location.</p>
0	323	TX	F-T	50	50	<p>We have been full timers for one year. Our goal is not to find Wal marts to stay in cause my husband like to be in a campground. But if we should have to get from one side of the country to the other due to sickness in the family,in a hurry, I would like the opportunity to stay wherever it would be convient for us. I would prefer the idea of a walmart over a flying J, just because it probably has a fast quality restauant in the neighborhood,. I can go grocery shopping at Walmart and I would make sure I spent \$20.00 or more. And also it would be a safe place to walk around and get some exercise.</p>
0	324	FL	L-T	0	100	<p>This is good information that I did not know. We retire in Nov and for 3 years have been planning to take the rv on East coast and spend 3 months NS and even Newfoundland. If this is really enforced we will change plans and just go to Alaska. Thanks again.</p>
0	325	MO	VAC	50	100	<p>We have a truck camper that is very inconspicuous. We like to boondock in remote locations, not organized campgrounds. We stay at Walmarts only if driving through a locale and need a place to catch</p>

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						some sleep for a few hours. Does this ban include boondocking in remote locations?
0	327	ON	L-T	50	50	Parking lot "camping" is a convenience that is most useful when more conventional options are not available for whatever reason. An outright ban is counter-productive. Police the abusers, leave the rest alone.
0	328	MN	F-T	30	60	<p>Visited NS about 10 years ago and loved it. Spent a couple night in parking lots during travel time and spend about a week in campgrounds at destinations.</p> <p>Kind of corks me when special interest groups want to infringe on my movements. Bad enough to put up with fuel prices without having someone else also trying to get in my pocketbook for no reason.</p> <p>The states down here that have tried this, such as IL and OH have backed down and recinded their rules.</p> <p>This will end up being a short term solution for campground owners. Once the general RVing public finds out about this, lawmakers will go into hiding to avoid irate folks.</p>
0	329	ON	VAC	100	100	<p>I have no issue whatsoever with RV's parking in a Walmart parking lot or somewhere that the OWNER specifically states they are fine with it.</p> <p>I find RVers getting out tables, grills, lawn chairs etc. to be offensive and detracts from a positive image of RVers as a whole. I think if NS is short sighted, they will end up being hurt by it.</p> <p>THAT SAID! I think that of all the provinces from Ontario to the Atlantic, NS has the nicest government sites around. They are very inexpensive and the people are very friendly. \$12 to spend a nite is not out of line. I can't understand why anyone in their right mind wouldn't rather spend a couple of dollars to stay at a NS Provincial Campground.</p> <p>New Brunswick's provincial sites are few and far between. That's another story altogether!</p>
0	330	AB	L-T	0	100	Our camping group (31 members) has removed Nova Scotia from any travel plans until this is resolved. We will either travel through (we all have large fuel tanks that don't force us to stop in NS) or around

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						Nova Scotia. Here's the kicker, when we used to travel in Nova Scotia we almost always stayed in campgrounds with only a few of the larger rigs utilizing parking lots as most NS camp grounds are outdated. We are simply not interested in being forced into anything. Lots of other places to see. Nova Scotia is now a large highlighted area on our club "no zone" map. Good luck.
0	331	TX	L-T	20	60	overnight stay is fine camping is dumb and should be regulated/prohibited.
1	24	AK	L-T	30	30	I've never understood the attraction to a parking lot unless it was an emergency. Often times the parking lot is empty overnight, but by early morning it is overcrowded. Which to me is not fair to the average customers. Yes, we're customers too, but not average.
1	59	GA	VAC	0	0	parking lot etiquette 1. Never run generator during normal quiet hours!!! 2. Park away from othe rv's when possible. (No need to circle the wagoms!)
1	72	WA	F-T	60	75	We spent July, August and September in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia last summer and absolutely loved it! We did not stay anywhere but in official campgrounds, although they were not always located near where we wanted to be, nor were they designed for large rigs (especially the public campgrounds). But everybody was friendly. We did not even attempt to take our 31 foot fifth wheel around Cape Breton, having been warned about the road conditions. We were visiting during a slower tourist season and did not have difficulties getting reservations, although some spots were really crowded. We hope to return in a few years and include Newfoundland and PEI.
1	143	MA	L-T	100	100	Campgrounds chg extra in USA for a popup pulled behind MH an its just a sleeper not full service camper, in Canada was never chg for it, have travel across Can.
1	164	TX	F-T	100	100	Would appreciate if RV parks offered no hook up sites for quick overnite stay. Especially since we would not be using any services other than space.

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1	194	FL	L-T	100	100	I would only use a parking lot if no CG were available and I was tired
1	280	MB	L-T	100	100	If RV parks would offer dry camping for 1 night at a reduced rate I would likely stay there.
1	281	KS	L-T	10	10	Staying in a "parking lot" whether it is associated with a retail outlet or a RV resort (most of which are little more than parking lots) is very low on my list of possible places to stay. I do utilize roadside rest areas if traveling and need a few hours sleep or Provincial Parks / State Parks or US Federal camping areas operated by COE, NFS, TVA, BLM or municipal/county operated campgrounds. I do us retail outlets for shopping on areas through which I travel. It does not particularly bother me when others choose to camp in parking lots nor does it bother me if they are prohibited from doing so. Each community must do what it feels is necessary for the betterment of its citizens and I do not feel it is my place to try to effect these decisions.
1	282	WI	L-T	0	0	Parking lots are a last choice when we don't make it to our planned stop for whatever reason. Are drivers not allowed to sleep in rest area's too?
1	285	OH	VAC	50	50	In september of 04 we stayed at WalMart for about six hours, Waiting for the Ferry at North Sidney. At that time we were not aware of a parking ban. It was a Sunday PM, and hurricane Ivan held up ferry departure. We were not bothered by WalMart or law enforcement.
1	305	CA	L-T	100	100	I usually only stay in a parking lot if it is too late to get into a campground. Usually, we are traveling and stop late in the evening and leave in early in the morning. Basically, we are not there long enough to pay for a full service campground or RV park. We try to shop if it is a Wal-Mart and just sleep.
1	315	OK	VAC	0	0	Stopping to get a few hours of rest in a parking lot is acceptable in my opinion. However, what is essentially camping and for more than a few hours or multiple days is tacky and just plain cheap. The freeloaders are just going to ruin overnight resting for everyone.
1	316	MI	L-T	100	100	We only use parking lots when actually travelling and when we reach a destination, we use campgrounds. We need to use parking lots when we travel so we have enough money to actually get to places like Nova Scotia and have money to spend seeing the sites and shopping, eating, etc. at local places.

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1	332	NF	VAC	100	100	<p>Zoning is quite important to the development and maintenance of municipal parts of any country. Legislators are elected to make decisions. It's their responsibility.</p> <p>Frankly, I think any responsible government would do better to:</p> <p>1) encourage tourism and courteous tourists by providing rest areas on all primary (that is more than major) highways. Rest areas should include toilet facilities and every so often, dump stations.</p> <p>2) tourist information areas, which include dump stations (such as what I've seen in Newfoundland)</p> <p>3) Better signage on highways.</p> <p>4) Reasonable upkeep of highways.</p> <p>5) Encourage municipalities to practise positive roll towards tourists, possibly with with town/city campgrounds which are open a during the fair weather months. There are complaints in Canada re. government run campgrounds not being open after the students (who can be hired on grants) return to university.</p> <p>Facillities for tourists say 'welcome to our place, please come and enjoy.</p> <p>The Internet has encouraged more travel, especially travel to farther away places.</p> <p>Increased fuel costs discourages rving travel, but not completely.</p>
2	73	SD	F-T	100	0	<p>We own property in NS and travel there frequently. We know it is impossible to find RV spaces near Halifax during parts of the year. NS parks are few and far between. They tend to be on the small side and can fill up quickly.</p>
2	132	FL	F-T	100	0	<p>Use Walmart, or rest areas where allowed, for overnight parking when traveling two or more days in a row but do not change travel plans if overnight parking is not allowed. Traveled to Nova Scotia last year</p>

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						(2004) but did not consider overnight parking because we did not travel two or more days in a row. In other words we would spend a few days in one area then travel to another RV park, within, or less than, a days drive, and spend another few days.
2	149	PA	L-T	100	100	I've been to Nova Scotia, there's no place there big enough to boondock.
2	156	MI	F-T	100	100	personally have zero interest in parking anywhere other than in a campground. I hate to see campers/trailers and motorhome parked all around shopping store parking lots. They try to turn these places of business into a free campground, and I don't like the look. The thought of the campgrounds that have spent the money for making their business conform to all the rules, and then the freeloaders parking where the rules aren't being followed. If you want the parking over night in your town, make the people buy a overnight pass for a few bucks. Put the money into the improvement of the town, or hire more cops.
2	236	BC	L-T	25	75	While in general I agree with the ban Nova Scotia, common sense seems to have left. If for instance I visit a relative with ample available parking, say on acerage, I most certainly would stay at their place and not in a campground. I do not mean stay for 2 month, but a reasonable time like maybe two weeks. Just my 2 cents.
2	240	TX	F-T	100	100	<p>I have visited Nova Scotia twice and have made reservations in private campgrounds. It is unfortunate, but there are many RVers who feel that they are entitled to park wherever they want just because they have the keys to a self-contained vehicle.</p> <p>We are fully cognizent of the short season campground owners in Nova Scotia have in order to make any revenue. By personal experience, however, many of the RV parks are not "friendly" to large RVs. The spaces are small, the voltage is pitiful, local families seem to feel that they can't camp without making huge, stinking campfires ignited with gasoline.</p> <p>What I am saying is that there should be an effort made by the Nova Scotia Campground owners to make their parks more welcoming and perhaps they would not need to resort to unpopular legislation which might fatten their coffers, but hurts the rest of the tourism industry.</p>
2	257	TX	F-T	100	0	The folks whining about not being able to free park in NS are making a big deal of nothing. If you can't

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2	288	ON	VAC	100	0	You could have included Explorer RV Club under organizations as it is a CANADIAN club.(a little national pride is okay) Nova Scotia is a wonderful place. We have been down 2 years in a row with our RV and have had no problem finding campgrounds. We have had absolutely no problem with paying for a night's camping and using a dump station. If you can afford to pay thousands of dollars for a rig, you can afford to pay for a campsite. It's not anyone's fault but the operator of the rig if they drive too long and "have" to boondock in a parking lot. In my book that is no excuse.
2	298	CA	VAC	50	50	<p>Many of the RVs we observe while passing Wal*Marts across the county are of significant value (cost in excess of \$100,000). Why anyone would pay that much for an RV and look for "free parking" is beyond my understanding.</p> <p>During our last 4-night stay in a commercial RV park, 2 "overnighters" traveling together in diesel pusher motor homes argued with the registration clerk about the park's \$25/night fee. My comment is, "if you can't afford the fee, don't by the RV." In my opinion, RVers of this nature are a "black eye" to all of us.</p>