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Message:

Good morning, I am writing because my concerns of road safety are growing daily. I am a foreman with the maintenance division in Jasper County. Every day I am amazed at the dangers I see on the roadways. As I have gotten older I am a person that tries to drive the speed limit at all times, and everywhere I go I am constantly worried about someone running over me from the rear end. I know at one time, and I think there still is, there was a law that you could receive a ticket for following too closely. Its not only me it is everywhere I look on the roadways. I was hoping that some encouragement from your office would have agencies start watching for this violation again. I feel like that would be one step in trying to slow people down and make our roads a little safer. Recently we have been doing lane closures on the interstate at night to try and do repairs and minimize the impact on traffic. On several occasions I have called the Highway Patrol and also the town of Ridgeland, when we are in their jurisdiction, and asked if there was any way they could send someone out to stop some of the cars that will not slow down. Never once has anyone showed up to try and help with this safety issue. It is very disheartening to know another state agency does not seem to take safety issues as seriously as when peoples lives are in danger. I do understand that they are busy and have other issues that could be more important at times, but there is no excuse for never showing up. I am constantly on the roads daily and very rarely do I ever see any of the Highway Patrol in our area. I just believe that until we see more of a presence from these agencies and see more traffic stops for violations that the roads are going to continue to become more and more dangerous. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and hope that you will consider encouraging the agencies that have the ability to help make the roads a little safer to consider some of these things. I am very proud to be a part of the State Of South Carolina and it is my hope that I in some way contribute to making our state a better and safer place to live.