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Ms. Christy A. Hall, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Hall:

This letter is to request your assistance with addressing ongoing highway safety problems in Richburg, South Carolina along SC 901 (South Main Street) and specifically at the intersection of SC 901 and Road 56 (Old Richburg Road). There have been numerous very serious accidents at this intersection over the years since the completion of I-77. I know this because my mother lives near the intersection and I visit her often.

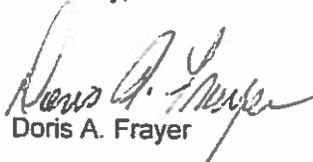
The most recent accident occurred on November 25, 2015 when, once again, a motorist failed to stop at the stop sign and did not yield to oncoming traffic on SC 901. One of the vehicles spun out of control and came to rest in the ditch near the front yard of my mother's home narrowly missing the mailbox and Crepe Myrtle tree. Fortunately, the young mother and her two children in the car did not suffer serious injuries.

Again, there have been numerous accidents over the years at this intersection. While there have been efforts to improve safety including installing rumble strips, pavement markers and a blinking light above the stop sign, none has fully addressed the problem. There have also been enforcement efforts by the South Carolina Highway Patrol. The accident persists. Please evaluate this intersection for safety enhancements that include a possible redesign of the intersection, fully signalized 4-way stop light and speed reduction.

Additionally, please expand the scope of your review to include the entirety of South Main Street (SC 901) which is a "residential" street experiencing high volume of traffic at high speeds. The weekday truck traffic is particularly problematic. Some residents have lived along this highway for over 70 years including my mother who is deeply troubled by the repeated accidents and speeding. Please find a way to slow the traffic as well as divert the heavy trucks from South Main Street. This will greatly improved the quality of life for the residents.

Thank you for your consideration and response concerning this very serious safety concern.

Sincerely,


Doris A. Frayer

cc: The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor, South Carolina ✓
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