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August 25, 2014

Ms. Janet Oakley
Secretary of Transportation
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street, Room 309
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RE: Augusta Road/Old Augusta Road
Intersection a/k/a Highway 25
Recent Design Change

Dear Ms. Oakley:

Please be advised that on ***Saturday, August 16, 2014***, I was contacted by my constituent Jack Logan who expressed a vehement concern for the residents, both pedestrian and vehicular at the intersection of Old Augusta Road and Augusta Road. The area just recently received major changes in an attempt to better route the flow of traffic; however, according to Mr. Logan who travels this route frequently "this is dangerous and someone will get killed with no traffic signals. This is an accident waiting to happen."

On Thursday, prior to my discussions with Mr. Logan, I also received a call from Rev. Terry King of Rock of Ages Baptist Church which is located in this same area expressing concern for the heavy pedestrian traffic which is evidenced by a path along Augusta Road which is swamped with Heavy vehicle traffic at High Speeds which puts the pedestrians safety and life in jeopardy. On ***Sunday, August 24, 2014***, I spoke to other representatives and the Church Congregation regarding sidewalks being in need (emergency) as well as perhaps a blinking light(s).

The residents and myself are very concerned.

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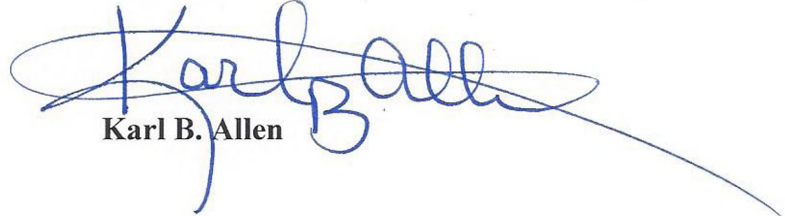
We respectfully request that you expedite a review of these changes in this traffic flow for safety and design.

Also, we request that you address the design in view of the obvious heavy pedestrian traffic which primarily comes from the August Hills apartment complex. The citizens walk to the convenience store and gas/convenience stores for groceries.

On their behalf this review is requested immediately as lives are in danger and the expressed hazardous conditions addressed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and if you need contact numbers for Jack Logan or Rev. Terry King please contact my office.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karl B. Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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