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Mr. Matthew J. Driscoll Commissioner New York State Department of Transportation 50 Wolf Road Albany, New York 12232

Dear Commissioner Driscoll:

I am writing to request that you conduct an immediate traffic study of the intersection at Route 109 and Main Street in the Village of Farmingdale. Over the past two years, far too many accidents have occurred due to poor signage and confusing traffic lights.

Route 109 is a highly trafficked roadway for many Farmingdale residents and serves as the main artery for motorists traveling in and out of the village. However, a multitude of fatal accidents highlight that it is not as safe as it could be. Specifically, my constituents have expressed significant concern over the traffic light signals at the intersection of Route 109 and Main Street where there is a green arrow to turn left, but no red arrow. Many Farmingdale residents believe that it would be advantageous if a no left turn on red traffic signal was installed, or even if left hand turns on to Main Street were prohibited.

More must be done in order to ensure the protection and security of motorists and pedestrians alike at this intersection. I urge you to conduct a study of current traffic patterns and signals to determine whether it would be beneficial to install additional traffic signals. I look forward to working with you to improve the safety of our roadways, prevent future accidents, and save lives.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

John E. Brooks

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