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The Honorable Joseph Giulietti
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06111

Dear Commissioner Giulietti,

We are reaching out about an urgent matter that must be addressed. On Friday night, a dark colored SUV hit two pedestrians who were crossing Route 67 in Seymour, coming from Miller Ward Funeral Home, and heading to Klarides Village Plaza. Both victims were badly injured, with one sadly succumbing to their injuries and dying the next day.

The only description of the car in question, is that it was a dark colored SUV with heavy frontend damage, possibly an Acura MDX, heading east bound on Bank Street. This horrific accident happened while a funeral was taking place across the street with a police officer directing traffic. Needless to say, this accident never should have occurred, and we would like to find ways to make this heavily trafficked part of town safer for residents and to prevent needless tragedies like this from happening again.

We are calling on the Department of Transportation to conduct a road safety audit for this area that will include not only an examination of lighting, but also of crosswalks, signage, and traffic volume, and any other factors that contribute to road safety for this area. Over the years that this part of Rte. 67 has experienced tremendous growth in traffic volume with many new families moving to our part of the state, and modernizations are needed in order to keep pedestrians and motorists safe.

It is more evident now than ever before that we cannot continue to wait to step-up and make the necessary changes to our transportation infrastructure, even in a small town like Seymour, safety must be essential.

We look forward to working with you on this issue and we are available to answer any questions or to assist in any way necessary.

Sincerely,

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