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Dear Ms. Anderson,

We are writing to request your assistance with the traffic and highway situation that has developed in front of our farm on county trunk highway D (Washington Avenue) between Highway 20 and Highway 36. That section of highway D was designated as the detour route during the reconstruction of highway 20 in Waterford. The temporary detour ended but it has become a permanent detour for hundreds of semi-tractor trailers, dump trucks, other large trucks, and vehicles. We see hundreds of these large vehicles daily.

I believe that county highway D is a Class A county trunk road not built for this heavy truck traffic. I assume that many of these vehicles exceed the weight limits for a Class A county trunk road as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes SS 348.15. This heavy truck traffic is causing deterioration of the road. The road edges are crumbling at the intersections from this heavy truck traffic.

Our quality of life has been negatively impacted by the increased volume of noise from truck mufflers, engine braking, and the sheer volume of traffic. The noise starts at 6:00 AM and continues until dusk. Carrying on a conversation outside is a challenge.

This situation has created several safety issues. There are no speed limit signs posted in either direction on this stretch of highway D. I believe the speed limit is 45 MPH. However, many trucks and other vehicles are traveling at 55+ MPH. Retrieving the mail has become an adventure! Getting out of the driveway can be interesting too. We ride our bicycles on Highway D to access the bicycle trail in Rochester. Highway D is 24 feet wide with no shoulder, which is not wide enough for a semi to safely pass a bicyclist with oncoming traffic. Two new subdivisions are being built on highway D that are also negatively impacted by this increase in heavy truck traffic.

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To mitigate this situation and improve safety we are requesting that you restrict truck traffic on highway D between highway 20 and highway 36 and post speed limit signs on highway D in both directions. If truck traffic cannot be restricted, then highway D should be improved by widening, resurfacing and creating a shoulder to handle the weight of heavy truck traffic now using the road.

Please contact us with any questions you might have and advise what steps you feel can be implemented to mitigate this situation. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Serdynski Jane Serdynski



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