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Dear Mr. Paylor,

We are writing to you as the appointed Traffic Committee for the Carderock Springs Citizen's Association to comment on the proposed regulations related to speed humps.

We are in favor of the proposed regulations as they provide greater flexibility for communities dealing with speeding vehicles on their neighborhood streets. Within Carderock Springs, there is one street in particular that has experienced significant and well-documented speeding issues. This street is long, has no sidewalks and hosts many, many walkers, runners, bicyclists – many of whom are children. There have been many near misses involving pedestrians and other vehicles from speeding vehicles as well as a number of accidents.

While in the past, the street has qualified for speed humps based on the speed of vehicles, it has not reached the threshold for vehicle volume. The volume threshold in the current regulations is arbitrary and, in many ways, illogical. If cars are speeding on a neighborhood street, the number of cars per hour is irrelevant to the danger it poses to those in the community. Therefore, we are strongly in favor of eliminating that criteria for speed hump eligibility.

We also are in favor of simplifying the speed criteria to a measurement that indicates the average speed exceeds the speed limit. There is a great deal of research that indicates that the chance for pedestrian injury and death significantly increases with even relatively small increases in vehicle speed.

Thank you for your consideration and support of pedestrian and community safety.

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