(Month) (Day) (Year)

Elected Official First Name Last Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Dear (Councilmember/Mayor/Elected Official Last Name):

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (your first and last name) and I am a constituent living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city, state). I am a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (runner/pedestrian/cyclist) who, like many of my fellow community members, use our streets to exercise, commute, explore, and connect. I am writing to you today to request your support in addressing an important public health and safety issue: distracted driving and unsafe road design that put pedestrians and cyclists at risk of injury or death.

Our streets disproportionately favor cars over other road users – they are dangerous by design and do not safely accommodate people walking, biking, or running. Our streets lack appropriate traffic calming measures and pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure that help keep non-vehicle road users safe on the road. In the US between 2010-2019, there was [a 45% increase in the number of people struck and killed by drivers while walking](https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/) -- and our community is no different. **[If there is a recent example of a pedestrian or cyclist injury or death in your community, reference it here].** Additionally, road dangers for pedestrians are disproportionately experienced by older adults, people of color, and by people walking in low-income neighborhoods.

As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (runner/pedestrian/cyclist/road user), I am concerned for my safety when I am using our streets to \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise, commute, etc). **[Share a brief personal example here – tell your story about why you’re advocating for safer streets and changes to road design.]**

To help make our streets safer for ALL road users, I ask that you support \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **[List the bill/proposal/policy you are asking the elected official to support. If you do not have a specific call to action around a bill or policy, state your ask here – e.g. request a meeting to further discuss this issue.]**

Thank you for your time and attention to this pressing and important community issue.

Sincerely,

Your Name

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