

# The Connecticut General Assembly



July 31, 2013

Department of Transportation  
James Redeker, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Redeker,

We are writing to you regarding the dangerous stretch of Route 34 that runs from the Stevenson Dam in the Town of Oxford through Seymour into the Downtown Section of the City of Derby. As you may be aware, there have been many accidents in this area over the last few years, several of which have unfortunately resulted in fatalities.

Most recently on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> there was another car accident on Route 34 in which a vehicle crashed head on into another vehicle resulting in a fatality of a young mother. Considering the nature of this stretch of road, the amount of traffic that runs through the area, and the characteristics of the road, we believe that the Department of Transportation should address this concerning situation before yet another fatality takes place.

We are aware that DOT Project 124-160 has been explored but has been placed on hold due to funding constraints. While we certainly appreciate our current economic situation and the fact that the DOT is facing difficult fiscal decisions, we believe that the Route 34 corridor mentioned above presents a high level public safety concern that must be addressed as soon as possible and should be a top priority. Therefore, we are asking the Department of Transportation to implement Project 124-160 or a similar project at the intersection of Route 34 and Route 188 as soon as is possible.

To address the growing number of fatal traffic accidents on Route 34 over the last few years, we are requesting the DOT begin exploring ways to reduce speeding, reckless driving, and possibly overall traffic through this highly concentrated residential area. The public safety of our citizens should be neither ignored nor placed on hold due to fiscal concerns.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact any of us at your convenience regarding this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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131<sup>st</sup> District

Sen. Rob Kane  
32<sup>nd</sup> District

Sen. Joseph Crisco  
17<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Themis Klarides  
114<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Linda Gentile  
104<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Theresa Conroy  
105<sup>th</sup> District

Cc: Kurt Miller, George Temple and Anthony Steffieri