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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:13 AM
To: BAJRACHARYA Shashi
Subject: Install guardrail along Jasper-Lowell Road

Commissioners of Lane County,

I am writing in support of the proposal to install a guardrail along the most dangerous section of the Jasper-Lowell Road. The section between mile posts 2 and 3 seem to be the most dangerous.

I live in Lowell and travel on this stretch of road often. I occasionally drive on this road for work as well. I have responded to incidents on the roadway as a volunteer EMT. Related to that, I have the effects of vehicles colliding with guardrails versus being airborne or going over an embankment. I must tell you that the greater damage to life and limb comes from not having a barrier such as a guardrail that can at the very least slow down a vehicle.

My greatest concern is that my family uses this road all times of the year. I have a wife and two young children. We take the Jasper-Lowell Road to get to Springfield for food, medical care, and other daily living needs. Although we drive defensively and cautiously, periods of ice and snow, heavy rain or fog all have the potential to allow a vehicle to go off road without warning. Putting up guardrails would allow for safer driving during these periods because there would be a physical presence to gauge distance and speed. Without that barrier it can be difficult to see the road side and get dangerously close to the outside shoulder.

I understand the budget is in critical condition. I just ask that you consider this important project if and when funds do become available.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Respectfully

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