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Dear Director McBeth and Chief Administrative Officer Leach,

I am writing to you today with an urgent concern regarding the intersection of Bellona Avenue and Northern Parkway. As you know, we've been working on traffic calming measures in this area for several years, including the installation of a left-turn arrow. Although some progress has been made, recent events highlight the critical need for immediate intervention.

On Friday, September 5, my office was notified that there were three accidents at this intersection alone. The most catastrophic of these incidents resulted in a person being sent to the hospital. This tragic event could have been prevented by the left-turn arrow the community has been requesting for over a year. Residents are gravely concerned about the potential for further injury or, worse, a fatality. The lack of speed enforcement in this area only exacerbates the danger posed by this intersection.

I was informed that while street markings will be installed before November, the traffic signal equipment is on backlog and won't be installed until next year. I urge you to expedite the installation of the necessary traffic signals and implement any and all other immediate solutions to increase safety at this intersection. The current situation demands your urgent attention and action.

The community's frustration is at a boiling point, and I understand their outrage. There needs to be a definitive plan of action as soon as possible to address this public safety concern.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Conway, Jr.