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The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Roads Director

107 Omaha Way

Macy, Nebraska 68039

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, I work in Macy, Nebraska, as Director of the Roads Department. I have worked on the Better Utilizing Investments of Leverage Development grant over the past couple of years and see that this addressed important safety concerns surrounding the intersection of highway 75 & Main Street north of Macy, Nebraska.

I have experienced farm equipment & semis following vehicles at significant rates of speed, about 65-70 per hour, behind a vehicle that is about to make the turn into Macy, Nebraska. The farm & semis carry heavy loads in the 20 tons or heavier and cannot slow down or stop with efficient distances for turning vehicles. At any point of the year any vehicle turning off highway 75 experience anxiety and trauma when large equipment vehicles are traveling at a high rate of speed behind them. This risk is much higher as the weather turns to winter and the roads get snow covered and become slippery.

As the Director of the Roads Department, the maintenance is very difficult with the steep incline of the grade, with icy & slippery conditions, especially in the winter months. We spend time & material to keep this grade in safe traveling condition.

This area has no shoulder or turning lanes, the lanes are very narrow this has made it treacherous and dangerous for students, residents and all who use this intersection for work or necessary travel to the store, hospital or to check their mail. I support this safety & improvement project for the community of Macy, Nebraska, with this letter of support.

Thank You,

Richard Hastings, Sr.

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