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The Honorable Jason Rarick
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This letter is in reference to the Highway 73 improvement project that is once again currently being discussed. This stretch of road south of Cromwell with its poor visibility on major curves and no shoulder has created hazards to motorists for decades. As the Fire District that covers this area for emergency response, we see time and time again the dangers these curves present. A majority of the motor vehicle collisions we respond to are on these curves. This places the Fire District members at great risk while working these scenes as there is no place for us to safely stage and operate. This stretch of road has been the cause of many fatal accidents. It is time for this to change. We need to stop putting people at risk for an issue that is fixable.

It is no longer acceptable to continue to put off this project. It needs to be corrected. This is not only in the best interest of those driving on Hwy 73 but also important to for the mental health of the men and women serving their community and seeing the needless tragedies that continue to take place on this stretch of road. Please support the funding of this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucas Goodin'.

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