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Subject: Support for Speed Humps on Genstar Lane

Dear President Graham, Vice President Johnson and Secretary Spessard:

I am a resident of Preston Highlands. I live at the corner of Genstar and Cansler and recently signed a petition in support of adding speed humps to Genstar in order to slow traffic to reasonable speeds. I am writing to you to provide specific information on why my husband, Dan Elliott, and I fully support this proposal. Please feel free to share my comments with other residents or in a public forum if you believe it will help gain more support for the proposal.

We moved into our house in January of 2007. Since that time, the volume and speed of traffic has steadily increased and we believe it is due, in part, to rerouted traffic patterns on Davenport and Keller Springs Road at Preston Road, as well as increased population density that has come with the addition of several new multi-family properties built within a two-mile radius of our neighborhood. Genstar is used as a cut-through for people who do not live in the neighborhood and who obviously have little regard for its residents or their safety.

I make this claim based on several incidents:

- I have cleaned at least five dead animals off the road directly in front of my own home over the course of the past ten years: cats, squirrels, birds and opossums, which were all most likely victims of a driver who was going above the speed limit and could not stop in time to prevent hitting them.
- On at least two dozen occasions (or possibly more) I have been passed on the left--while driving the speed limit on my own street--by other drivers who swerve around me and honk their horns as if I am the problem.
- Vehicles pass my house at rush hour times every day going so fast I cannot see their license plate numbers, even when I'm standing on the sidewalk at my mailbox.
- I have been honked at and nearly hit numerous times by speeding drivers as I have tried to cross Genstar in a vehicle, on a bicycle or on foot.
- At least once a week someone trying to turn onto Genstar from Cansler is confronted with the screeching tires and horn of a driver going too fast on Genstar.
- I and my family members have nearly been mowed down by other drivers as we've tried to exit a vehicle that we have parked in front of my home.
- My landscaping crew and other people who have come to do work on our house have been honked at or threatened by speeding drivers.
- At least five of our Genstar neighbors have told us about similar incidents and agree that the problem is getting worse.

We have neighbors with young children. Most of us have pets. Many of us have elderly family members who visit and park their vehicles on the street in front of our houses. None of us who live in this neighborhood should have to fear that our children, our pets or our family members are in danger of being hit by a speeding driver who is using our residential street as a raceway conduit to wherever else they are going. I have said for years that I wish we had a means of slowing down traffic on our street. Further, I think it's essential as the Homeowners Association that you place home values as a top priority inasmuch

as real estate is big business. As we all know, one's retirement is often bound up in one's home value, and the knowledge that realtors are finding other streets or other communities on which to focus their selling efforts is tantamount to saying they've already recognized the damage that this problem is causing to our neighborhood. This has to come to an end before a "problem" becomes a fatality and before Preston Highlands becomes the neighborhood people used to want to live in.

I am tired of the utter disregard for the law and for human safety by the people who use our street as a cut-through on an ongoing basis, and I will no longer tolerate it. I also will not tolerate the notion that other citizens' negligence will affect the value of my home, nor will I accept apathetic responses from neighbors on this subject (especially if they don't live on Genstar).

I fully support the installation and maintenance of 30-mile an hour speed humps on Genstar Lane. In fact, please put one right in front of my house if you want to. Frankly, I welcome watching scofflaws have to follow the rules like the rest of us as much as I hope for the restoration of our used-to-be quiet neighborhood back to its original safe and peaceful state.

Please let me know what I can do or what I can further provide to garner the level of support required for the installation of speed humps on Genstar Lane as soon as possible. I will do everything I can to help you make this happen.

Kindest regards,

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