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Secretary Pete K. Rahn  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 548  
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Dear Secretary Rahn:

As I shared with you on Thursday evening during your Department's "Road Show" regarding planned transportation related investments in our county, pedestrian and bicycle safety on state roads is a serious issue. In the past several weeks, we have lost two beloved members of our community on state roads – one biking on Massachusetts Avenue (MD 396) and the other walking across River Road (MD 190).

I am organizing a "*Day of Action*" on Tuesday morning, November 3, starting at 7 am on Massachusetts Avenue, and then moving to River Road at 8 am. I invite you and members of your team to join with community members and our District 16 delegation who will be advising motorists of the potential lethal consequences of speeding and distracted driving.

We need your Department's help. I am enclosing resolutions from two local neighborhood associations—Glen Mar Park and Mohican Hills—calling for the State Highway Administration to take every reasonable step to improve local traffic safety. I share these residents' feeling that our State has not done enough to promote safe operations on our state highways generally and on these two stretches of road in particular.

I look forward to working with you and your Department on strategies to make state highways safer for all users. I believe that we all share the same goal of zero crashes and zero fatalities. For me, gathering these communities at this time is an important first step towards a broader review of how we design our roads to promote safety while retaining adequate capacity.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Berliner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger Berliner  
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Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and  
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