

> I am writing to explain the importance of Oakes keeping this stoplight on Hwy 1. This stoplight is right next to an elementary school and is located at a very busy intersection of town. There are many kids who go across the highway at several different times of the day. Lots of kids cross over to go to Tornado Stop for lunch as well as walking up to the cafe or Sweets and Stories. Also, we have many kids who come to school from the daycare uptown and the preschool. They cross the highway right where this stoplight is located. Even with the stoplight in place, we still have lots of truck traffic as well as regular traffic who fail to slow down through this area. If we remove the one thing that is stopping them or at least slowing them down, I fear someone will end up getting injured or killed. We have a crosswalk located 1 block south of this stoplight and on multiple occasions I have seen near-miss accidents. I have stopped to let someone walk across on the crosswalk, but traffic from the other direction doesn't stop. It's a scary situation and I don't think it will be safe to just have cross walks in the location where the stoplight is now located.

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> I can't imagine the expense of keeping this light is so great that it is worth risking the life of a child. We ask that you allow this stoplight to remain in tact.

> Sincerely,

> Janell Mayer

> City Council Member

> Hospital Foundation Board Member

> Mom

> Teacher

> And long time member of the Oakes Community