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Subject: House Bill 1246

Dear Representative Grueneich,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding House Bill 1246—as this has a direct impact on my students, staff, family, and community.

Having a school next to a major highway is always a safety concern, however, having a stoplight to slow and stop traffic has been vital to ensure the highest degree of safety possible for everyone. Our school is the "center/hub" of the town and lies not only next to Highway 1, but also at the intersection of Main Street. These are the two most heavily traveled streets in our town.

Removing our one and only stoplight puts our students, staff, families, and community at greater risk for a tragedy. Without the stoplight, I fear for the safety of our students that are crossing the street before/after school, our HS students that leave for lunch, our parents that drop off/pickup their students, before/after school activities, our busses that transport our students, etc. We need to keep our stoplight.

As High School Principal and more importantly as a dad—I urge this bill to move forward to protect the most important thing we have in this world—our children.

Thank you for your time and dedication--Brandon

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