

Good Evening,

I am writing you in regards to the traffic light in Oakes. As a mother to two young children this traffic light gives me piece of mind. We do not live far from the school and walk there often to go to the library or the playground. As many other families in the community of Oakes do.

The stop light needs to stay. For my family it is for reasons of safety and memories. I am not born and raised from Oakes. Anyone I met before moving to Oakes described it as the town with the one traffic light. When one gives directions its look for the one stop light. When my parents come on the county road they call us when they can see the light from our one traffic light.

Yes it is 100% about safety but one can not also take away the memories that this one traffic light brings to life for our small North Dakota town.

I also am a kindergarten teacher at the school located right beside the traffic light. Our students walk to school with the safety of that traffic light in mind. Many travel from the school to Tornado stop and our other small town businesses.

Morning drop off and end of day dismissal are two definite times that there is an increase in traffic. Our childrens safety needs to be at the for front. They are the future of this small town. We have crossing guards that are there yo provide student safety at dismissal. What about for those students walking to school, supporting small town businesses on off hour or walking home with siblings at the end of the day?

Oakes,ND brings in all kinds of different people through out the year. People not familiar with our small town. That light is a big reminder to help people they need to SLOW down for the safety of everyone in our community.

Please KEEP the stop light in Oakes. For the safety of our future leaders.

Sincerely,

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