

Dear North Dakota State Legislature,

I am writing to request your consideration for the maintenance and repair of the existing stop light at the intersection of Highway 1 and Main Street in Oakes, North Dakota. This intersection is located near the Oakes Public School, which is attended by many children and young people.

As the population and traffic in Oakes continues to grow, this intersection has become increasingly busy, making it a crucial point for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians, especially for children and young people who walk or bike to school. Cars and trucks traveling on Highway 1 often exceed posted speed limits, making it difficult for drivers on Main Street to safely cross or turn onto the highway. Additionally, emergency vehicles need to navigate this intersection safely.

I urge you to consider the safety of the residents and visitors of Oakes and the surrounding areas, especially school children, by maintaining and repairing the existing stop light at this intersection. This simple measure will greatly improve the safety and accessibility of this area for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Former School Board member, and current city council member

John Bakke