

I am writing you this letter on behalf of our Oakes Public Schools student body, as I am the student body president, I feel it is my duty to look out for current and future students. While you were campaigning, I had the pleasure of meeting you at the Southeast Career and Tech Center, which my fellow students and I drive to every day. While talking to you, I felt you had a great outlook on students and the great future of North Dakota. At our school we just became a Vision Zero School, to protect my peers, however you also have the ability to protect our students. As a student, I can admit to not being focused on driving all the time and I know the same goes for my peers, with that I am thankful we have our stoplight to help with this issue. I ask you to protect all my peers by voting to keep the stoplight outside our school with house bill 1246. I have been the student running across the street without looking, and the stoplight has kept us safe by slowing and stopping traffic. The traffic around the school is not just before and after school, but during the day as students are driving to our Career and Tech Center, where I met you. During peak harvest time this becomes dangerous with the removal of the light with semis hauling grain speeding through town, to get as much done as possible. I don't want any of my peer's life to be taken over any amount of money for the stoplight, money cannot be more important than a classmate or underclassman's life. I am glad you are the one voting on this issue, as our talk before made me feel you have mine and my peer's interest in favor. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, I hope it compels you to protect me and my peers with this bill.

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