

Dear Legislators,

As a member of Dickey County and a community member of Oakes, ND, I am writing this email in regards to the stoplight being taken out/down in our town. While I understand that you have put a lot of time and effort into this decision, I would like to bring up a few points regarding the safest option for our community.

There is a lot of hustle and bustle in our little town. Whether its kids coming and going from school or community members out and about, there's always someone walking along. I am concerned mostly for the kids in our school district and children attending the local daycares. Students are walking every day to and from the school, where the stoplight is conveniently located. The stoplight creates an easy and smooth traffic flow so students can successfully walk across. During the summer months, while school is not in session, daycares are crossing that main part of town because it is the safest option with the stoplight stopping cars from coming through. My main concern is something happening to one of these children/adults in the process of attempting to cross the street without a stoplight. Also, during the warmer months, we have people of all ages going for walks, riding bikes, and even roller blading. I can't imagine how chaotic of a scene could transpire with our active community members mixed in with cars trying to get through.

I ask that you please reconsider your decision before someone from our thriving and active small town gets hurt.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Makenzie Wertz