

State Department of Transportation
Division of Planning
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I am writing today to express my concern about the rapid rate of loss of natural areas in our state. Unchecked development is claiming countless acres of land, and essential wildlife habitat. New roads and highways enable and encourage this loss by providing unmitigated access to once wild places.

In addition to the loss of habitat, roads and highways have extreme adverse effects on ecology. Countless animals are lost in road construction or in collisions with vehicles. Once a road is built, the surrounding physical and chemical environment is so altered, many species will avoid the area. Transportation corridors can effectively wall off habitat for migratory species.

Transportation planners can go a long way to alleviate or aggravate this problem. In designing new roads, do you take wildlife and the preservation of natural areas into account? What steps do you take to avoid causing more damage and loss? How closely do you work with our state department of natural resources and federal agencies to prevent further endangering our wildlife?

I am one of a growing number of citizens who are concerned about the loss of irreplaceable natural areas and the corresponding pressure on wildlife. We support continued economic growth, but not at the expense of irreplaceable habitat and the unique beauty of our state.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Signature

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