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Dear Mr. Dryer:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider my request to address the lack of street lighting on Hawk Street. There are many factors that have compelled me to bring the situation to your staff's attention.

In stark contrast to adjacent streets, there is no current city provided lighting on this street. Much of the current, privately maintained lighting is either burned out, missing, or poorly placed to provide safe, effective lighting for the street and sidewalk.

When compared to the adjacent street of Darbo drive, several things become apparent. The tree canopy and lack of open spaces on Hawk Street magnifies the considerable difference in lighting levels, thus making the area more attractive for illicit activity illustrated in an amateur rap music video filmed on the location and readily available on YouTube.

Last summer, one of my neighbors was attacked and robbed while walking back from the Mobile gas station. Placing a city street light on Hawk Street would also reduce the attractiveness of the area for 'drive through' drug activity.

It is my hope that the departments, organizations, and entities that have the ability to see this vision of a safer neighborhood through to completion, do the right thing and work together to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Talbot', with a stylized, flowing script.

David Talbot