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To Whom It May Concern,

I am raising two young daughters in this city, and I want to believe that as they grow, they will be able to move through our neighborhoods safely—walking, biking, crossing streets—without fear. Right now, I don't feel that confidence.

The death of Sasha Rosen was a tragedy, and it was also preventable. Inattentive driving, excessive speeding, and routine violations of basic traffic laws have made many of our main corridors feel dangerous at all hours of the day. On streets like Park Street, University Avenue, and East Washington Avenue, it is common to see drivers running red lights, ignoring “no turn on red” signs, and treating speed limits as optional. This is not rare or occasional—it is a constant, daily occurrence.

Everyone in this city should be able to walk safely, and that requires more than reminders or signage. It requires meaningful investment in traffic safety infrastructure, visible enforcement of existing laws, and leadership that treats these issues with urgency. Drivers must slow down, follow traffic laws, and be held accountable when they do not.

I am asking you to take clear and impactful action to make our streets safer, so that no other family has to experience a loss like this.

Sincerely,
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