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Dear Mr. Dryer:

I am writing to request a copy of the City's "policy" that permits Madison to require an assessment from condominium owners but not single-family home-owners, when both will be equally "provided positive benefit and traffic relief" from the new traffic signal to be placed soon at the intersection of Old Sauk Rd. and Westfield Rd.

According to June 10, 2011 materials mailed from your office – I'm a "property owner within the Old Sauk Road Westfield Road traffic signal assessment district." Indeed, I own a condo in Saukdale Condominiums; I'm in favor of a traffic signal; I'm willing to pay *my fair-share* for it.

My objection, however, is that my close neighbors, who are single-family home-owners, also fit your above-stated criteria. Except for a walking path, my backyard merges with the backyards of home-owners on Harvest Hill Rd. I strongly object* that these single-family home-owners are excluded from paying *their fair-share* according to the City's assessment "policy."

Please consider this letter as an "objection* ...filed in writing" for the public hearing, 6/22/11 at 6:30 PM. (The form requested is enclosed.)

Why this disparity in issuing assessments? I would appreciate your sending me a copy of the City's policy that permits this inequity. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Susan Harvey

Copies: Paul Soglin, Madison Mayor; Paul Skidmore, Alderman 9th district; Scott A. Langer, Traffic Engineer; Rob G. Phillips, Board of Public Works

ADDENDUM - For your further information: The City's 6/10 materials indicate the "... assessments were apportioned... based on estimated trips...." This is astounding reasoning! The average Saukdale residents' age is 80, many do shopping in pairs in one car or one person does errands for several, a few use the city's Handi-cab service, most find ways to avoid that intersection because of its frequent high-volume traffic. In contrast, our single-family, home-owner neighbors are two-worker, two-car (at least) families, with children involved in school, late-afternoon, weekend activities. They certainly make more "trips" here, there, and yonder than do Saukdale residents.

Additionally, single-family, home-owners receive City-funded snow plowing and trash/recycle services while Saukdale residents pay internal-condominium assessments for these services (as well as paying taxes to the City!)