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To Whom It May Concern:

I live off Gilbert Rd in the Meadowood neighborhood and have a 10 year old son at Orchard Ridge Elementary. I think it's a very dangerous, shortsighted, and a complete disregard for public safety to remove the crossing guard at Raymond and Gilbert Rd.

Even though Raymond Rd has a posted speed limit of 30 MPH cars commonly drive recklessly and exceed posted speeds by 10-15 MPH. Even with the flashing lights at the crossing, I have had numerous occasions with my son where cars flew right through the flashing lights and if we were not paying attention, would have been hit.

The city of Madison always talks about traffic safety, and has reduced posted speeds all around the city over the years. With this "Target Zero" initiative, it boggles my mind how the engineering division could have such reckless disregard for public safety.

Even if the number of kids crossing has decreased, protecting ANY number of children crossing this dangerous intersection should be a priority for the city.

As a concerned parent, I kindly urge you to please reconsider this proposal to remove the crossing guard at Raymond and Gilbert Rd. The safety and well being of our community and neighborhood is too valuable and important.

Sincerely,

Charlie Berg