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Dear Transportation Committee,

I'm writing as a parent of a student at Orchard Ridge Elementary to strongly urge you to preserve the crossing guard program at Raymond Road and Gilbert Road.

My son walks and bikes to school independently because of the crossing guard. He is the reason I feel safe letting him do so. Without that support, I would drive him instead, adding to traffic congestion near the school and removing the independence he has worked hard to earn.

Our small community school does not offer bussing, nor does it align well with work schedules for any shift of worker. We are a mixed background, mixed income neighborhood who benefits greatly from our community resources.

Crossing guards don't just stop traffic. They are a trusted, visible adult presence that gives children the confidence to navigate their route safely. Removing them doesn't just shift risk, it removes the very thing that makes independent travel possible for kids in our neighborhood.

I urge the council to weigh the full cost of this decision: not just budget savings, but the safety of children, increased car traffic, and the wellbeing of families who rely on this program.

Please vote to keep the crossing guard at Raymond and Gilbert!

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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