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Dear Transportation Committee,

I'm writing to you today as a friend of Nadya and Sasha Rosen, and as someone who is also personally impacted by traffic violence

I worked with Nadya for almost 8 years. As you do with coworkers, I watched him grow up. I have found memories of photos of his Halloween costumes, hearing about his growing love of downhill skiing, and his music concerts.. last I recall Sasha was considering college options. I remember when Nadya and Sandy bought their house off of Park St, they were glad to find a neighborhood that worked for their family.

I recently moved to a new job at SSM health, at a clinic on Park St about a mile from Nadya and Shasha's home. Coworkers on the way to work the day of his death witnessed attempt to save his life. Our clinic manager noted that "prior to Sasha's death there was someone about 30 who was shoveling sidewalks on Park St. They were also stuck by a vehicle and in critical condition. This was right outside our clinic windows and staff could see it just down the block. Too many accidents right outside our doors..."

Not even a month into my new position, walking to the overflow lot after work, I was also hit by a car while crossing with the walk light on Fish Hatchery and Wingra. I was wearing a headlight I had purchased two days before so I would be better seen walking on the bike path that parallels Wingra St. The ambulance brought me to St Mary's emergency room where I was assessed and released. Although I walked away, this isn't over for me. I had time off work, and am still dealing with concussion symptoms that impact my work and are impacting my return to running, a sport I love. I find that driving drains my energy quickly, but walking on the area streets is also jarring. Thankfully, I have recovered enough to be able to write to you.

The loss of Sasha is a tragedy and also completely preventable. Increased investment in traffic signals and addressing speeding issues on Park St. and across our community can make sure this never happens again to another family. As a leader, I'm asking you today for visible and impactful advocacy in the fight for safer streets.

Sincerely,

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