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RE: Safety Barriers on Highway 101 at Morse Creek Curve

Dear Honorable Senator Kevin Van de Wege, Honorable Representative Steve Tharinger and Honorable Representative Mike Chapman:

In August 2018, 19-year old Brooke Bedinger was killed when her motorcycle went across the centerline into oncoming traffic. The Bedinger family has asked for safety improvements to help prevent such accidents in the future.


The August 31, 2018 Peninsula Daily news article states "The State Patrol said that there have been 15 vehicle crashes on U.S. Highway 101 between the areas of milepost 252-254 (the Morse Creek curve) this year (as of the time of the newspaper article). From 2007 to the present, about 250 crashes have been reported in the area, according to the State Patrol. Since 2014, seven motorcycle crashes have occurred on the curve with one crash (Brooke's) involving a fatality in 2018. In the past 10 years, the curve has had four fatal vehicle crashes."


We join in support of the Bedinger family, the Clallam County Commissioners, Port Angeles Business Association, and others in support of funding safety barriers for the Morse Creek curve. The community has been concerned about the danger of the Morse Creek curve for a long time. It is time to make safety a priority at this dangerous section of Highway 101 before there is another fatal accident.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter and continued efforts to improve safety in our community.

Best Regards,


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