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Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner, NH Department of Transportation
7 Hazen Dr.
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Dear Commissioner Clement:

I am writing this letter to request a review of the Exit #13 off-ramp, from the Everett Tpke. onto Daniel Webster Highway in Bedford. The Town of Merrimack's Highway Safety Committee recently met and discussed the issues raised by several Merrimack citizens relative to the "merge" between the NB Exit #13 off ramp, and the SB Exit onto Ray Wiczorek Dr. (north of the toll booth, on the southbound side) from the Everett Tpke., then onto Daniel Webster Highway in Bedford.

Specifically, the point at which those two roadways merge, presents a safety concern as there is a large berm adjacent to the overpass (see attached image, #1) that obstructs the driver's view of traffic on either side of the berm. Motorists on the NB off-ramp can't see the SB merging traffic until the point where the traffic physically merges...creating a potential for a collision, especially once snow banks can further restrict a motorist's view. Merging traffic has little time to react to potential or perceived traffic crash.

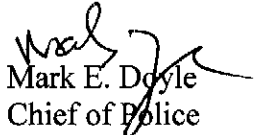
The only traffic control device is the indicator sign showing that a merge is imminent (see attached image, #1) from the SB side, and only yellow indicator-arrows showing that a curve continues to the merge point on the NB side (see attached image, #2).

We feel that this current configuration, with its extremely limited sight-distances, presents the potential for a traffic collision.

I would like to meet with you or your representative to further discuss our concerns, and any other personnel you feel may be able to provide input. I will also be forwarding a copy of this letter to Chief John Bryfonski of the Bedford Police Department and

Lt. Chris Wagner of the New Hampshire State Police, so that they too, are aware of our concerns.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: (1)

cc: Chief John Bryfonski / BPD
Lt. Chris Wagner / NHSP