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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
State House
100 State Circle
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Dear Governor O'Malley:

I strongly urge you to free up funds for immediate safety improvements that would prevent more tragic accidents on Route 32 near the Howard-Carroll county line. As you are aware, 49-year-old Dr. Brian Emery Thursday became the third person to die on this stretch of Route 32 in less than three months.

Further deaths are preventable if we take action now, so I urgently request that resurfacing and restriping of this three-mile stretch of Route 32 be done as quickly as possible. Residents of this area should not have to fear being hit from behind as they wait to turn into their neighborhoods.

I applaud Howard County Executive Ken Ulman's efforts to accelerate these safety improvements, which would direct motorists to a through lane or a dedicated turning lane into the three impacted Sykesville communities. Both Howard and Carroll counties have identified Route 32 as our top safety priority for the State Highway Administration.

I am in full support of these short-term safety improvements. However, ultimately, this two-lane, undivided highway, which bears an incredible traffic flow, must be widened and dualized, with medians from I-70 to Route 26. Any immediate Route 32 improvements should be made consistent with future widening to four lanes.

With the influx of federal Recovery and Reinvestment dollars into Maryland, what better way to invest in our roads than this shovel-ready safety project? Let's not wait for another person to perish. We need this simple re-surfacing and re-striping project now. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Krebs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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