

Joint Loss Management Committee
1 Union Square
Milford, NH 03055

September 14, 2023

Dear Town Safety Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and review our situation. My name is Kim Eves, I have been a resident of Milford, NH for 5 years, living with my husband and two young kids (ages 6 and 3) and have enjoyed all that the town has to offer. My daughter is a first grader at Jacques Memorial Elementary School and uses the school bus transportation to get to and from school each day. We live at 41 N. River Road across from the MCAA fields and her bus stop is at the end of our driveway. If you have traveled on this road in this area, you know when coming onto the street from Route 13, there is a lot going on. Our driveway is directly across from the entrance to the MCAA fields, the town transfer station is after that, and there are multiple businesses in between with heavy duty vehicles such as dump trucks traveling on the road. In addition to all of that, our driveway is ~100 ft from a curve making it very difficult to see. Please see the image below. The red arrow is the direction the bus takes to pick up my daughter and the X is the bus stop.



Currently when my daughter is picked up from the bus company, she is required to walk across the street which has become more dangerous this year from last. Many times, the bus arrives, stops and waits for a minute or two to signal my daughter to cross the street due to cars not recognizing the bus has stopped in time. In addition to not seeing the bus stopped, we have witnessed a motorcycle try to pass a car that was stopped, during a time the bus was stopped to pick up my daughter, for the motorcyclist to realize the car was stopped for the bus and they had to slam on their brakes. This was very concerning to see as a mother when your child is crossing the street and following the safe bus

rules. I understand you cannot control every driver, but I believe the issue is the stop is immediately after the curve making it a blind spot for drivers to see a bus is even there picking up a child.

Outside of the bus stop hours, we have witnessed many drivers speeding down the road making it very difficult for us to leave our driveway safely. We have also seen drivers drive into our driveway to pass other cars that are awaiting traffic to get into the MCAA fields parking lot. Lastly, we have had to replace our mailbox in the last year due to cars speeding down the hill from the transfer station in the opposite direction. I noticed last week a portable police sign was placed between the entrance and exit of the MCAA fields warning drivers coming from the transfer station that a stop is ahead and to drive safely due to the curve making it difficult to see how quickly the stop sign approaches.

I would like to request that the safety committee review the traffic flow in this area and to post up a sign for blind driveway and bus stop ahead or lower the speed limit until after the transfer station. Currently this poses a high risk to the safety of the children living in this area trying to get on the bus and the children using the playing fields across the street. I am seeking your expertise on what you feel is safest for our community and hope that you consider a change to help eliminate the cause for potential accidents in the future.

Sincerely,

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

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