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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
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As residents of Cardinal Glen since October of 2018, we wanted to express our great concern for the July 2021 Route 7 Study / Proposal to remove the fully functional traffic light on the Cardinal Glen side of Sterling Blvd and Route 7. This traffic light offers residents the only safe passageway in and out of our neighborhood, and this is the only entrance into the Baha'i Center, serving over 600 members.

The initial proposal removes the Cardinal Glen side of the traffic light, which is currently triggered only when a vehicle is present. The proposal leaves vehicles with a "right turn in, right turn out" only entry/exit from the neighborhood, without the protection of a light. As I know you have heard from many of our neighbors, this puts the safety of our community at substantial risk.

At the Public Hearing on February 26 regarding the FY23 Budget, you responded to my neighbor, Megan Pecorino, saying that you "hear us loud and clear and [are having] the engineers go back and look at that proposal." You also promised that we would hear from you when there is a new proposal. We urge you to stand by your word so that we are not blindsided again with the County looking to forego Cardinal Glen's safety for the sake of gaining 30 seconds for the commuters on Route 7. We also urge you to take into account that the current traffic flow in and out of our community may not yet accurately represent standard commuter volume, as many (including myself, Carey) are still primarily teleworking as a result of the Covid pandemic.

Acting independently with strong support from our neighbors and others within the community, we respectfully request your follow through on adjusting this proposal. It sets a dangerous precedent in a rapidly growing county. We are greatly concerned about the risks that our neighborhood is being asked to take daily in order to save a couple minutes of someone else's commute. The removal of this traffic light is strongly opposed due to concerns about safety, emergency personnel access, and dropping home values due to unsafe/inconvenient access.

Thank you in advance for your support to keeping Route 7 and the Loudoun County residents safe.

Sincerely
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