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Kelly A. Lake, Sheriff

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Senator Jason Rarick
Capitol Office
95 University Avenue W.
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Rarick:

Please consider this letter my support for the rebuilding of Highway 73, particularly the 8 mile stretch south of Cromwell in Carlton County. Highway 73 serves as a main north-south connector route from I-35 in Moose Lake to the Iron Range cities. This roadway has a significant amount of traffic traveling on it daily. The stretch south of Cromwell has little to no shoulder, making it a traffic hazard should cars become disabled. The roadway is narrow, with areas of winding curves and limited visibility. There are many times where emergency vehicle response is hampered because traffic in front of the responding vehicles is simply unable to pull to the side of the road to allow responders through. In my 30 years spent with the Sheriff's Office, myself and fellow law enforcement have responded to many vehicle crashes, including personal injury and fatal crashes on this stretch of highway. In the interest of public safety, I believe this roadway should be rebuilt to allow for safe passage of the motoring public for many years to come.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Sheriff Kelly Lake

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