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Chris Clement, Commissioner
NH Department of Transportation
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Dear Commissioner Clement,

On behalf of the Town of Carroll, NH, we would like to thank you for your attention to the safety needs of our residents and visitors alike as they negotiate their way along Route 302. We are fortunate to see a growth in tourism traffic through our area as they take advantage of the many recreational opportunities in and around the Mount Washington Resort area. With the new construction of the "overlook" pull off area scheduled this spring, your Department has made the safe enjoyment of our scenic vistas a priority and we very much look forward to its completion.

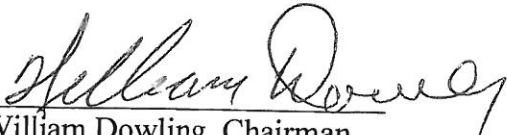
We would however like to draw your attention to a continuing safety concern on Route 302, especially in the area from the Mount Washington Resort Waste Services facility to the Stickney Chapel. While we have made heightened traffic enforcement in this area a priority, with the increasing traffic flows, we would request the speed limit be reduced from the current 50 mph to 40 mph and ask for your immediate assistance. While the daily average traffic flow is approximately 5,000 cars, at peak periods we are seeing traffic flows in excess of 10,000 cars a day. Many of these visitors are day trippers to the Bretton Woods Ski Area and other local tourism businesses. I know you join us in wanting their visit to be a safe and memorable experience.


The town is committed to doing its part in making sure this stretch of highway is patrolled aggressively and as often as possible. Enforcement alone unfortunately won't reduce the high level of accidents on this stretch of road and we hope to work with the State to do all we can to address traffic safety concerns. We ask that you join our town and the local businesses along Route 302 in support of reducing the speed limit along a portion of Route 302 to 40 mph.


Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you need any further information from us to act on this request.

Sincerely,


Carroll Board of Selectmen


William Dowling, Chairman


Mark Catalano


Paul Bussiere

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cc:  Mr. William Lambert