

5123 St. Michael Street
Terrapin, TX 25246

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Walter Moore
City Counselor
Terrapin City Council Office
4263 Terrapin Way
Terrapin, TX 25246

Dear Counselor Moore:

Subject: Request for pothole repairs on St. Michael Street

Every year there are over 35,000 traffic accidents and fatalities. One third of these fatalities are due to poor road conditions.

I am writing to inform you about the dangerous road conditions on St. Michael Street. After the severe winter weather that we have experienced this season, there are over ten potholes that pose a serious safety concern for Terrapin drivers. I am requesting an immediate the repair of these potholes. St. Michael Street is home for over 30 households and approximately 175 of your constituents. St. Michael Street is highly trafficked street and is the main crossover point to Route 5. According to recent data collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles, approximately 415 vehicles including sedans, tractor trailers, dump trucks, school buses, and even bicycles, travel on St. Michael Street daily.

There have been 25 road vehicle accidents over the past two months due to these conditions, resulting in severe damage to not only the road, but to several citizens' vehicles. Unfortunately, two of these accidents have been fatal. My neighbors and I rely on this street to travel to our destinations safely. We should not have to worry about accidents or injuries during our daily commute.

I am aware that St. Michael Street is only one road out of hundreds in this city. However, with the number of accidents that have occurred, it will be more cost and time efficient to repair the potholes. Currently, the city is spending a greater amount of tax payer's money to pay city employees to respond to the accident and to restore the flow of traffic. It costs approximately \$50 to fix a single pothole, while it costs thousands of dollars to clear an accident.

On behalf of my neighbors on St. Michael Street, I request that a crew from the Department of Motor Vehicles come and assess the conditions of our street within the next two weeks. We can no longer put our lives and the lives of our loved ones at risk. Your constituents appreciate your corporation and consideration of their well-being.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

Susan Carter

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