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Mr. Walker
Local Councilor of Virginia Beach
Pothole Construction
2334 Harley Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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Dear Mr. Walker:

Subject: Request to fix potholes

In the past few months, the number of accidents has increased by 70% due to potholes on the street of my neighborhood. As a result, people are unfortunately getting seriously injured and having to go to the hospital, since the potholes are causing major damage to their cars, which results in injuring my fellow neighbors when they drive over them.

This situation started occurring in March 2017, when five accidents happened in a two-week time frame from a pothole on my street. My neighbors ended up in the hospital and having to pay over \$20,000 for their bills. These streets are in horrific conditions and are causing harm to people and damaging their vehicles. For example, many of these people are in hospitals, home-bound, or can't work due to the accident by these potholes. They are going into debt because of the hospital and car bills, and even some had to quite their job since they couldn't work due to their injuries.

Currently, there are thousands of potholes on streets in neighborhoods around Virginia that are risking lives because drivers can't avoid them. The city of Virginia Beach is a major tourist area during the summer and if people knew about the hundreds of potholes in neighborhoods and on the streets, that are causing accidents, then they wouldn't want to come and visit anymore. The streets in my neighborhood are getting out of control by all the accidents that the potholes are causing. My neighbors and I on my street and in my neighborhood are willing to help with the advancement of this project by taking time out of our days to help fix the roads.

We would love to have the potholes fixed, so that the roads will be safer to drive on and it will be saving lives of members of our community as well as others that may be in town visiting. I know this isn't an easy project, but if it means saving lives and making driving experiences safer, then it should be worth all the hours of hard work to fix the roads. My neighbors and I are willing to donate \$200 each and five hours per week to help make this project more effective in a timely manner. We would love if this project was done by November 1, before the holiday season.

Please let me know by July 15 if the city of Virginia Beach will help fix the potholes on my street, so that my fellow neighbors and I can have our money available and have time to plan our work schedules. We would love to get this project done so it's a safer environment for everyone, so we are all willing to help as much as possible. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience. You can also reach me at 757-555-1313 if you have any further questions. I look forward to hearing back from you and thank you so much for your time and support.

Yours sincerely,

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