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Dear Councilwoman Fuller,

Subject: Dangerous potholes on Baker Street.

In the past 8 months, there has been a total of 15 popped tires as a result of the dangerous potholes on Baker Street. Of those 15 popped tires, 6 of those instances resulted in vehicular accidents resulting in injuries and expensive damages.

I live on Baker Street, which is a part of the Glendale subdivision located in Terrapin South. It also happens to be a shortcut between two very busy roads, Manchester Road and Park Road. Due to its convenient location, it attracts a high number of speeding cars who are looking to cut some time off of their route by use of our neighborhood. The large and hazardous potholes on the road are increasing the number of accidents and they are difficult to see until your vehicle is too close to avoid them. My daughter hit one that had grown with the recent flood a few months ago, and her vehicle hydroplaned into the neighbor's mailbox and ditch. Thankfully, she was not injured, but the seriousness of the road conditions is very apparent.

An elderly friend down the street lost control of his vehicle after he struck one of the 8 major potholes and hit another vehicle going in the opposite direction. He broke his arm, and the other driver sustained some minor injuries as well. There are parts of the street that you have to stop and wait to drive around a large hole if there is already another car driving on the other side of the road. If they are not causing accidents, they are still causing delays.

Baker Street is in a well-traveled part of town and it sees a lot of that traffic. Glendale is a nice, comfortable, welcoming neighborhood. We decorate for every holiday and always help to put on community events and opportunities for families to get together. I believe these potholes are not only dangerous, but they are also unattractive and they take away from everything we do to beautify our community.

I am writing this to ask you for your help with expediting the repair of the Baker Street potholes. The safety of the citizens who drive this street is at serious risk until the holes are filled and the street is smoothed out. I attended a city council meeting 3 months ago, and my neighbors and I were assured that the city was aware of the problem and that it would be taken care of. While I understand that the upkeep of a city takes significant time, I believe the circumstances of this situation warrant special consideration. We need to stop these needless accidents before the injuries reported go from minor to major. It seems with any type of weather event we've had; the potholes have continuously gotten worse. The problem needs to be dealt with very soon or it will continue to cause more problems.

Please help us by repairing the potholes before Halloween of this year, October 31. It will not be safe for the young trick-or-treaters of our lovely neighborhood. This date will also ensure there is not much time for any more significant weather events to further the problem. We all want to keep the place where we raise our families beautiful, functional, and most importantly safe.

Sincerely,

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