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SENATOR MICHAEL N. GIANARIS
12TH DISTRICT

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July 17, 2013

Janette Sadik-Khan
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan,

I write to you on behalf of Dutch Kills residents who are concerned over increasingly unsafe traffic conditions in their community. I request that the Department of Transportation swiftly implement traffic safety improvements and step up enforcement of existing traffic laws in the area to make the streets of Dutch Kills safe for pedestrians.

I have been contacted by residents of Dutch Kills who no longer feel safe walking in their neighborhood. They not only cite a need for traffic safety improvements but also a need for stronger enforcement of existing traffic laws, as drivers in the area seem to disregard the rules of the road. As this area continues to grow more residential, it is important that infrastructure designed to control traffic in the area keeps up with the needs of the neighborhood.

In recent weeks residents have documented numerous accidents, including one just yesterday. Luckily, there have been no fatalities, but the area must be made safer before someone is seriously injured or worse. Dutch Kills needs Stop Signs, Speed Bumps and other traffic safety improvements. Drivers tearing through our neighborhood also need to know that if they break traffic laws they will be caught and punished.

As Dutch Kills grows with the rest of western Queens, the city must ensure that its priority remains the safety of neighborhood residents. Too many accidents have occurred due to traffic planning that has not kept up with increased strains on our infrastructure. Immediate action in the form of traffic safety improvements and stronger enforcement of traffic laws needs to be taken to make our streets safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael N. Gianaris".

MICHAEL N. GIANARIS
State Senator

cc: DOT Queens Commissioner Dalila Hall

