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DATA REQUESTED; I urge a vote of "NO" until further evaluation!

Mayor and City Council,

I am contacting you in regard to the speed limit change vote on County Road B, requesting information in regard to the data you will be using to make the determination for a speed limit change.

Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1) Has there been a study performed on our road?

What are the range of speeds observed on County Road B?

Are there significant outliers? If so, what effect will a speed change have on these significant outliers?

Will this result in more "Road Rage" incidents from these significant outliers? Many of us have young children and are concerned that this will make the road LESS safe.

How many tickets have been issued on this road and how many attempts to constrain speeds to an appropriate level have been made?

2) How many people travel on this road daily to commute from Barre Mills or Smith Valley Road into La Crosse on a daily basis?

How will this affect the flow of traffic?

How will affect worshippers on Sunday at the two churches on County Road B?

What impact will this have on unnecessary risk taking in order to "get to work on time" when potentially 50+ cars are lined up to turn onto County Rd. B from Smith Valley Road due to speed changes? I admittedly do not live on Smith Valley Road; however, I see cars waiting to turn at this intersection regularly from 6am-7:40am. Where is the data on the impact this will have as cars are slowed in a line going past this road?

3) I am a physician and there are several physicians in our neighborhood who are required to be "on-call" to arrive at the hospital for procedures, emergent care, or urgent care for patients. This will increase the commute time by a minimum of 2 minutes for just 2 miles. The light from County Road B to Hwy 16 can be over 1 minute long, changing our commute time from just under 20 minutes to Gundersen Hospital to now over 20 minutes.

Will this be addressed or only considered as an unintended consequence?

4) What alternatives have you explored if you do have the data to provide us?

Has there been any consideration made to increasing ticketing for those driving 20+ MPH over the speed limit? This is a common occurrence which will not be changed regardless of the number on the sign.

Has there been consideration made to adding a speed display at the cemetery and smith valley road?

Has there been consideration made to a short section 25 MPH from Smith Valley Road to the end of the Cemetery which would enclose the school?

The school already has a 15MPH speed limit when school is in session.

Am I to understand that from 10pm at night until 6:30am in the morning, there is a threat to the public or pedestrians on a County Road which already has a sidewalk, from a car traveling 35mph? This strains credulity.

I urge a vote of "NO" on any speed change until more information or data can be obtained to determine the impact on ALL residents using the road.

Best Regards

~Joshua Westbrook, M.D.