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Montana Highway Department, City of Billings, Yellowstone County,

For over 30 yr.'s I have lived on Bowman Dr in Billings MT. I Love this area we call Blue Creek. My children went through Blue Creek Elementary School and on to Riverside and then Senior High. I had a serious accident on Blue Creek Highway years ago, most people would have left so that they did not have to pass that spot over and over. Not me, I embraced it along with the embrace of how this community is a wonderful place to live.

Back in 2002 Briarwood and Cedar Park were annexed into the city. At that point the city took over Cedar Parks water tanks and built a pump house on Santiago. Soon the No Cash Water followed so Santiago suddenly had business entrances. Then came the expansion of The Hill Climbs, The Audubon Center, Norms Island, and Riverfront Park, Storage Units, Bike Park, Blue Creek Boat dock, businesses along Jellison Road, the dump expanding to accommodate the growing city and hundreds more houses out here.

With all this growth and development there has been no improvements around the store where the kids go to the bus. We have never had a bus stop sign on the highway, briarwood or by the store where the bus stops to pick up the kids. Not sure why but now that we have grown, we really need them.

I am angry with you the Montana State Highway Department, the City of Billings, Yellowstone County. You put all these things out here. What did you do to protect us? You did not even give us a BUS STOP SIGN. What is your plan to make the area so many of us live in and love safe?

Thank you,

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