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To Whom it May Concern

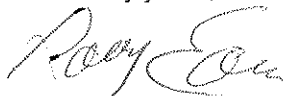
As Principal Petitioner I am submitting this petition on behalf of friends and neighbours, many of whom having personally expressed significant concerns regarding the issues highlighted in the preamble. Simply put, the speed and volume of vehicular traffic has increased significantly and will continue to worsen if safety measures are not implemented--this is, quite literally, an accident waiting to happen.

The other issue of note is the constant heavy vehicle traffic which is legitimately regarded as not just a nuisance with the attendant noise and dirt but as a potential source of damage to their homes. Obvious damage has already been done to Grant Ave. and Riverdale Ave.. Moreover, given the length of time it took to complete previous developments in the north end of Riverdale, we can expect several more years of shaken foundations and road damage before this development is finalized.

As the construction season is rapidly coming to an end, the City of Cornwall will have several months to develop strategies to address these issues.

We look forward to meeting with the appropriate City officials in the very near future to discuss these issues and possible solutions.

Sincerely yours,



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