[NAME OF OFFICIAL

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Dear [NAME OF OFFICIAL],

On November 8th my neighborhood association, the Colonial Terrace Protective Association, sent you a letter regarding the poorly conceived approval of the Circle Development by the Neptune Planning Board.

The concerns raised in that letter are significant. We need you to stand up, show leadership, serve the citizens of our community, and pursue the State and County to devise an acceptable and safe traffic plan for the roads impacting the neighborhoods surrounding the site **before** construction is permitted to begin. You have a duty to the communities you serve to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens who live there.

The Circle Development as approved presents the following dangers to motorists, pedestrians, and others traveling around the development:

* **Two sets of full motion entrances and exits on Asbury Avenue**These full motion turns on Asbury Ave are placed in very close proximity to cross streets to the neighboring Colonial Terrace as well as the traffic weave in front of the site. As a result, a “suicide lane” has been included to the plans on Asbury Ave. The addition of a suicide lane next to an already dangerous and confusing traffic circle will create new opportunities for vehicular accidents.
* **Two sets of driveways on Rt 35, one of which has full motion entrances and exits on Rt 35**The approved plans allow for vehicles to make left turns out of the Site onto Rt 35 South and allows vehicles to make lefts into the site from Rt 35 South. When questioned how those vehicles would be able to make these left turns given the already dangerously high levels of traffic on the Circle; the response we were given was "*motorists looking to make left turns would rely on the courtesy of vehicles already traveling on Rt 35 north and south*". That response highlights the lack of understanding of the dangerous traffic conditions which already exist around the Circle and is a recipe for disaster.

Colonial Terrace residents have a vested interest in traffic safety around the Site. We have over 130 homes with 400+ residents who rely on Asbury Avenue as a main artery to enter and exit our community. Residents will not be able to safely enter and exit our neighborhood from Asbury Avenue.

When questioned about possible changes to the Site plan, the Developer said changes "*would be an inconvenience to Site customers*". I ask you how is it that it's unacceptable for these customers to be inconvenienced but it's okay for the thousands of people who live, work, and travel around the Circle every day to have their lives put in danger by an unsafe traffic plan?

This traffic plan needs to be looked at very carefully by both State and County officials and not just stamped for approval with no regard to the overall effect it will have on motorists traversing this circle daily. We need you to stand up and take action!

Sincerely,

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