



## THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19 MONTGOMERY COUNTY

July 26, 2016

Mr. Gregory C. Johnson State Highway Administrator 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We, the District 19 Legislative Delegation, request that the State Highway Administration take immediate corrective action to remedy the dangerous and deadly intersection at Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Parkway.

In January, after a bike tragedy in our legislative district left a family without their teenaged son, we requested that the State Highway Administration take corrective action in order to prevent another family from experiencing such a loss.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, another cyclist was hit and killed at this intersection. As the elected members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, it is our duty to advocate for state policies that directly improve the safety of those who live or visit our district. Cyclists who use the bike path that passes through this location, deserve a safe way to reach the other side of Veirs Mill without risking their lives.

We implore the state to take heed and realize that this intersection is incredibly dangerous. SHA must work with the cycling community and local residents to identify and execute a thoughtful solution without delay. There are viable options that could save lives.

On behalf of the 19th district, we thank you for caring about Marylanders and for taking swift and appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Senator Roger Manno

Delegate Ben Kramer

Delegate Bonnie Cullisor

Delegate Maricé Morales