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STATE SENATOR • 48th DISTRICT

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Secretary Randall Blankenhorn
Illinois Dept. of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Secretary Blankenhorn:

As you are aware, in the past month there have been several serious motor vehicle accidents along a stretch of I-55 near the Hamel and Edwardsville exits in Madison County just outside of my Senate district. One of these accidents claimed the lives of four young women, two of whom were my constituents. Since that fatal accident occurred on November 21st, several more serious accidents in the same region have taken place, including an additional fatality.

Reports have stated that driver neglect has been the contributing factor to these accidents. I completely understand that distracted driving and personal responsibility of drivers are of the highest importance, especially in a construction zone. But one thing is for certain, too many deaths and injuries continue to occur on this small stretch of I-55. **I am writing today to request that your department perform a full review of this construction zone to determine what can be done to minimize future accidents and improve safety.**

I appreciate the ongoing efforts of IDOT to continue to make our construction zones on public roadways some of the safest in the country for both drivers and workers. On behalf of the people of the 48th District that have witnessed too many horrific accidents in this construction zone in just a small period of time, I am asking you to revisit safety measures and determine if anything else can be set into motion to improve safety for the people that I represent.

I would appreciate being kept apprised of how this request has been handled so I can update my constituents accordingly. Thank you for your continued work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A Manar".

Andy Manar
State Senate – Illinois
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cc: Jeff Keirn, IDOT District 8 Engineer
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