CAROLINA LAW
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

ATTACHMENT 1

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Mayor Kevin Foy
and the Chapel Hill Town Council
Chapel Hill Town Hall
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mayor Foy and Council Members:

As representatives of the student body of the UNC School of Law, we ask your help in improving an unsafe condition that has been brought to our attention. We hope the Town will work with our School as well as the UNC Department of Public Safety to ensure safe conditions for our community.

Many law students park their cars in the T lot, a campus parking lot located at the end of Country Club Drive beside the Outdoor Education Center. To reach this parking lot and other facilities, students walk down Country Club Road from its intersection with Ridge Road until just after it's intersection with Laurel Hill Road. Unfortunately, the conditions on this section of Country Club Road have become unsafe for pedestrians.

The strip of Country Club that begins at Ridge and continues to Laurel Hill is a narrow, slightly curving residential street. There are no sidewalks. There is only one street light before the intersection with Laurel Hill, and it is located about halfway down the street and around a curve from pedestrians walking south. The east side of the street has no lights. The houses are set very far back from the street, and a retaining wall stretches along the west side of the road. Leaves and other yard debris are constantly pushed or blown from several of the lawns into the street, creating a hazard for pedestrians: walk in the knee deep piles of leaves, or step more fully into the narrow road and possibly be struck by a car coming around the curve? Stepping into a yard to avoid an oncoming vehicle is not possible where the retaining wall or bushes prevent it.

In the winter, the street is dark by five o'clock, while many classes and other responsibilities last longer. With very poor lighting, no sidewalks, and a crowded, narrow pavement area, we feel that the street is dangerous. We hope the Town Council will work with us to make the street as safe as possible while causing the least disturbance to the natural beauty of this historic neighborhood and the lives of its residents.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

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and the SBA Board of Governors

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL IN IMPROVING SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS ON COUNTRY CLUB ROAD.

WHEREAS, students walk down the section of Country Club Road between Ridge Road and Laurel Hill Road after dusk to reach parking areas such as the T lot and the church parking lot; and

WHEREAS, residents of this area and students walk and jog down this section of Country Club Road after dusk for leisure or exercise; and

WHEREAS, this section of Country Club Road is not sufficiently lighted to promote safety from approaching vehicles and other pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, this section of Country Club Road has no sidewalks and is flanked by a wall on most parts of the west side of the road, preventing pedestrians from stepping out of the road to avoid approaching vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation of the SBA, the UNC Department of Public Safety, and the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill would lead to the most expedient improvement of safety concerns in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Bar Association of the UNC School of Law that the SBA requests assistance from the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill in improving lighting and general safety of students and other pedestrians on Country Club Road between Ridge Road and Laurel Hill Road.