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October 20, 2003

The Honorable Mr. Kevin Foy, Mayor
Town of Chapel Hill
Town Hall
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mr. Foy,

I am writing to urge you and the Council to consider installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Sage and Erwin roads. My husband and I have witnessed and experienced several near misses at this intersection, most recently this morning.

The most direct route from 15/501 to Weaver Dairy Road is via Sage Road to Erwin Road. As a result, there are a lot of cars turning left from Sage onto Erwin. The traffic on Sage Road has a stop sign; traffic on Erwin Road has the right of way. The volume of traffic on Erwin Road makes it difficult to turn left from Sage Road, which encourages drivers to take risks. This morning, my husband almost collided with a motorist making this left turn. The traffic circle planned at the intersection of Erwin and Weaver Dairy Roads will only exacerbate this situation, by ensuring a steady stream of eastbound traffic on Erwin Road. Unless something is done to address this situation, a serious accident at this intersection is inevitable.

Once again, I strongly urge you to consider this suggestion.

Sincerely,



Alice C. De Bellis