

T. SCOTT COBB, JR.

May 30, 2003

Mayor Kevin Foy
19 Oakwood Drive
Chapel Hill, NC. 27517

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing to you for a second time now to request that you and the Chapel Hill Town Council consider placing permanent speed humps along Pritchard Avenue between West Rosemary Street and North Columbia Avenue.

My request for the speed humps is a matter of safety. Many of the permanent residents along Pritchard Avenue have been in the area for a number of years, in fact, some of them have built and lived in these homes since the early 1930s. Many of these long-time residents enjoy what most of us enjoy about living so close to the town center. In particular, the residents of the Pritchard Avenue neighborhood enjoy taking nice walks along our street into downtown. Yet, to stroll along Pritchard Avenue, at any time of day or night, is to take the risk of losing one's life. Not a day passes when at least ten vehicles speed down Pritchard Avenue in a reckless and dangerous fashion. I have often witnessed elderly couples and children scurrying to non-existent sidewalks along our street for fear of losing their lives to the constant barrage of speeding cars.

We enjoy our little neighborhood. We enjoy the children from the daycare on our street. We enjoy a stroll and a "hello" as we walk and pass our neighbors. We enjoy the nice mix of elderly residents and the new, young families. Yet, we do not enjoy the constant threat to our persons from speeding vehicles. I understand that the Chapel Hill Commission is allocating "\$650,000 for neighborhood, pedestrian and bike safety improvements ranging from speed humps and raised crosswalks to enhanced signage" in certain neighborhoods throughout the town. I would greatly appreciate your consideration for allocating a portion of these funds toward placing speed humps along Pritchard Avenue between Rosemary and Columbia.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



T. Scott Cobb, Jr.

CC: Cal Horton, Jim Ward, Bill Strom, Dorthy Verkerk, Edith Wiggins, Ed Harrison, Pat Evens, Flicka Bateman, Mark Kleinschmidt