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July 6, 2011

RE: Route 219 Crosswalk Relocation

Dear Mr. Lamb:

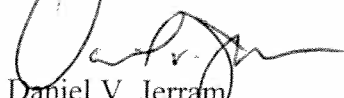
As we discussed, I would like to request that the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation relocate the approved crosswalk currently located on State Route 219 on the western side of the intersection of Steele Road (south) and Central Avenue (north).

The current approved location is problematic due to the lack of a sidewalk on Steele Road. The crosswalk ends into a catch basin where the topography of the site is steep and includes a utility pole. There is no room to construct a safe sidewalk at this location. Additionally, moving the sidewalk to the eastern side of the intersection would improve "site lines" as Route 219 has a sharp turn roughly 200-300 feet west of this location.

Many residents, including myself, would like to have the crosswalk moved to the opposite side of the intersection where there are sidewalks on both sides of Route 219 and the site lines are improved. This new location would be safer for both drivers and pedestrians. Route 219 is currently scheduled to be resurfaced on July 11, 2011. If approved by the State Traffic Commission, this sidewalk could be repainted in the new location after the paving is complete at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please find attached two photographs illustrating the current location and the proposed new location. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



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View of Route 219, looking northerly at Central Avenue. The current location of the crosswalk is marked. The new location would be to the right side of the photograph.



View of Route 219, looking southerly at the Montano-Shea Funeral Home at the corner of Steele Road and Route 219. The current location of the crosswalk ends into a catch basin in a location with no sidewalk, steep topography and a utility pole.