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Hi Mr. Mason -

I am writing to address the issue of speed limits in Gunnison. As a business owner I've had a window on Main Street for the last 25+ years. I have seen driving behavior deteriorate and aggression escalate. I see impatient and frustrated behavior which is unsafe and it's only gotten worse over the years because it happens largely without consequence.

Although reducing speed limits might help, I think we could implement other changes first. Using smart street design (bump outs, using different colors for parking lanes, etc - anything that makes streets look narrower) would naturally slow traffic better than any sign.

Enforcement of our current speed limits and regulations would go a long way to improve safety. Greater police presence on Main Street and other congested areas would be a good step. If police visibly pull people over for speeding and aggressive behavior it will make a statement that unsafe behavior is not ok. Bicyclists and pedestrians are experiencing more incidents of coal rolling - and although it is not a speed limit issue, it points to a general lack of respect for safety and others on our shared thoroughfares. This idea that "I am the only one that matters on the road" could be addressed through education from our officers. It appears that people need to be re-educated about right-of-ways and other basic traffic laws. I'm not saying everyone needs to get a ticket, education is key.

I would encourage everyone (police officers, officials, the public in general) to put down their phones when they are paused at intersections and really watch what is happening at these risky places. I have seen plenty of scary stuff that went unnoticed by many simply because their heads were all down catching up on their phones. How can we address the aggression and educate people about right of ways and other traffic laws if it goes largely unnoticed?

Thank you for taking the time to address safety on our streets.

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