

Dear Governor

As I walk to school and around town, I know how important it is that there are safe crossing points. I use these safe crossing points every day.

Just like I walk every day wildlife moves around and migrates across its territory. It is important to me that our state's wildlife can move around safely. Reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions can help keep both people and wildlife safe. Research across the country shows there are one to two million collisions between vehicles and large animals each year. Wildlife collisions cost \$8 billion per year for things like vehicle repair, medical expenses and towing.



As we build new roads or fix old ones, can we factor in wildlife-friendly crossings into the design and upgrades? I think it is particularly important to do this where roads are known to cross wildlife corridors.

Animals are really smart and where these safe crossing points are built a wide variety of animals including moose, deer, black bears, mountain lions, porcupines, marmots, otters, squirrels and chipmunks are observed using them really quickly. It is great that cameras are put at these crossing points because we can watch the wildlife who use them, and this helps us learn about more about them.

While some states have created new legislation to support the connectivity of wildlife corridors across road, I think it is important that this done throughout the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Age: _____ School: _____ Signature: _____

