

Dear Governor,

I was shocked and saddened to read the statistics on wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Across the country, there are one to two million collisions between vehicles and large animals each year. These accidents cause more than 26,000 human injuries, around 200 human deaths together with the untold suffering of the animals involved.

In addition, the economic costs are significant, with wildlife collisions cost \$8 billion per year for things like vehicle repair, medical expenses, towing and the removal and disposal of animal carcasses.

Roads are also fragmenting wildlife populations, leading to unhealthy genetic isolation and localized extinction. While much of the media attention is on large animals, such as mountain lions, moose and black bears, reptiles and amphibians are killed at alarming rates.



My request is that our State does more to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, particularly around migration paths that are hot spots for collisions.

As we build new roads or fix old ones, can we factor in more 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.

All the research shows that a wide variety of animals use overpasses and underpasses once they are available. It is great that cameras are

put at these crossing points because we can watch the wildlife who use them.

While some states have created new legislation to support the Safe Passage and Wildlife Connectivity, I think it is important that this done throughout the country. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

