



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

June 3, 2013

HON. EDWARD A. RATH, III
LEGISLATOR

Commissioner John Loffredo
Erie County Department of Public Works
95 Franklin Street – 14th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Request for Traffic Study on Maple Road near intersection of Culpepper Drive

Dear Commissioner Loffredo:

As you are aware, on June 9, 2012 there was a tragic accident on Maple Road that claimed the life of Erin Suszynski and severely injured another child. Both children were attempting to cross Maple Road, a very busy county road, near Culpepper Drive in the Town of Amherst.

The Suszynski Family has been very active in raising funds and working with Light Guard Systems, a traffic safety company, to provide for the installation of a crosswalk near the site of the accident. Their efforts have my full support, as well as the support of the Amherst Town Board. Attached, please find a copy of their resolution, which was unanimously approved, supporting a crosswalk and asking for the County's assistance in its installation.

As I understand the process, now that there is a formal request from the local municipality for a crosswalk, there needs to be a traffic study conducted by the county. I am writing to formally request that Erie County conducts a traffic study on Maple Road near Culpepper Drive, to facilitate the process of installing a crosswalk.

In addition, I am writing to request that Erie County highway officials meet with officials in the Town of Amherst to fully explore and understand the crosswalk proposal being offered by the family, through Light Guard Systems. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

EDWARD A. RATH, III
Erie County Legislator

cc: The Erie County Legislature
Hon. Barry A. Weinstein
The Suszynski Family
Mr. William Geary
Mr. Charles Sickler
Mr. Michael Asklar