

SAMPLE Lawmaker letter No. 3

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Dear (lawmaker),

Nearly 900 people a day move to Florida. In a year's time, that's the equivalent of adding a city the size of Tampa to our state! So why aren't our roads keeping up with the increase in people – and cars?

I easily spend XX more minutes a day in traffic than I did even a year ago. Roads that are supposed to be widened, improved or built seem to take decades to come to fruition. All the while, more people travel the existing roads, many of which were never intended to handle the heavy traffic loads. It's frustrating and it's definitely not safe.

Florida is in the grips of gridlock. Those minutes lost in traffic add up to lost hours, days, and even years of our lives. That's time we'll never get back – time away from our families and loves ones, our jobs and our work.

I am writing to urge that you and your colleagues do something about it. It would take an additional \$2.7 billion just to keep the problem from getting worse, and an additional \$4.9 billion each year to make it better.

Improving our roads ought to be a higher priority. If we want to break the traffic gridlock in Florida's cities – and really, who doesn't? – you and your colleagues will need to come up with some creative solutions.

Thank you for your time.