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Western Community Improving Ass'n
418 Poplar Grove Street
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August 11, 1969
Ezekiah A. Morris: President

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To Whom it May Concern:

We, the members of the "Western Community Improving Association," believe that any road, expressway, or alternate exit is an anathema not only to our community, but to the city and any other city that allows it to exist. Granted a route-way of some sort is needed to handle traffic from one town to another, but is, it necessary to pave these concrete arteries, in particular the "Red Road," through the homes of inner-city dwellers? To a board of government officials, the home of an individual may not seem like anything but a statistic. However, let me pose this question to you. Suppose a highway had to be paved through "City Hall," and you were Mayor. Would you be willing to evacuate this building in the name of "Progress" or any other reason? Remember, this is your place of business, so to speak - the nucleus around which you spend many long

hours trying to reconcile the problems of the city. You may try to counter the preceding statement by saying that it is preposterous. A government building, no matter what building or where it is located is subject to the government, — the people! The people, in particular, those who live in the Rosemount Area, have come to a decision in regard to their homes. They do not want this "Red Road" going through their community and they do not give a good piece of horse manure what the "State Road Commission" thinks or speculates about this road.

This road is a proverbial pimple on the ass of progress in the sense that it is destroying not only the appearance of the community, but the families within that community. This road or any other road that goes through homes of the living and through graveyards of the dead is not worth its conception. This road is cancerous and you do not cure a cancer by killing the patient.

You, I ask in all earnestness to please consider what you and the "State Roads Comm." are about to do. Give thought, give appraisal, to the destruction of our community, our homes!

Please acknowledge this letter:

To "Mayor Dale Sandra"
To "Joe Appelrod"
To "M. A. D."

Yours truly,
Hozekiah A. Morris: Pres.