

Jim Bohl, Alderman 5<sup>th</sup> District  
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January 20, 2007

Dear Mr. Bohl,

I have resided on 80<sup>th</sup> street four houses south of Chambers street for nearly sixty years. I live across from 81<sup>st</sup> Street elementary school. I have seen accidents, some of them causing injuries at both 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers and 80<sup>th</sup> and Locust. Just over two or three years ago an SUV crashed and rolled over at 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers. Recently a school bus had an accident there.

I believe there should be four-way stop signs at 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers and at 80<sup>th</sup> and Locust. Stop signs were installed at 80<sup>th</sup> and Locust, but that became a serious blunder of planning because only east-west traffic is stopped by a sign enabling people to speed on 80<sup>th</sup> street going north and south. That causes people to speed through a school zone at forty or fifty miles per hour through the 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers intersection. Even when parents drop off or pick-up their children at the school, people speed past that intersection. School bus drivers speed the most as well as DPW vehicles, other trucks and lots of motorists. Parents waiting for their children make the intersection a blind spot

I have seen accidents and heard braking of hundreds of near accidents at the 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers intersection. It is a miracle or luck that some child or senior citizen walking near that intersection hasn't been injured or killed. There is absolute necessity to have four-way stop signs at 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers and at 80<sup>th</sup> and Locust. It will deter speeding, hence making it safer for motorists, pedestrians, and property damage.

Liability of future accidents at 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers will ultimately rest on the Commissioner of public works should accidents result due to his/her negligence to not put four-way stop signs there. The safety and welfare of everyone that could have an accident there deserves priority over any perceived premise that stop signs don't help prevent accidents. It is liberal lunacy to think otherwise! Please put four way stop signs at 80<sup>th</sup> and Chambers, and in other school zones for everyone's protection.

Thank you. Sincerely, Brian R. Kohlman

## Todd Peterson

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**From:** James Bohl  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2007 8:59 AM  
**To:** Todd Peterson  
**Subject:** FW: Public Safety Committee Meeting RE: Intersection of 80th & Chambers

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Durrenberg [mailto:RDURRENBERG@wi.rr.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 11:03 PM  
To: James Bohl  
Subject: Public Safety Committee Meeting RE: Intersection of 80th & Chambers

Dear Jim,

I would very much like to attend the meeting tomorrow morning, however, I haven't been feeling well lately. If I feel up to it, I would like to attend. In case I am not able to be there, here are two incidents among others that I have seen at this intersection:

One night last winter, I was walking and was just about to the corner of 80th & Chambers. I had just come up to the lawn of the last house when two cars collided. The impact was so hard that it literally knocked me backward down onto the lawn of this last house. Luckily there was no one hurt. I was glad something like that didn't happen when there were kids around coming out of the school.

The summer of 2005, a car and a van collided at this intersection. The impact on this accident was so that the van was overturned onto it's left side. The people in the van, a mother and two children, were all right but had to be lifted out of the van from the right side window. Apparently the door wasn't able to slide open for them to get out easier.

I have seen other accidents and a lot of "just misses" with screeching brakes. Some have been during school time especially as the children come out and there are so many parents coming to pick up their children. Cars have almost collided with other cars and there have even been cars and buses that have almost collided. The buses that come to the school do not slow down. They drive south on 80th street to go around the school and park in front of the school on 81st Street. The buses drive past going faster than the speed limit for a school zone and little do they slow down at the intersection. When my son attended that school another mother and I went to the principal to complain about this. She reported it but as far as I've seen, it hasn't changed and that was eleven years ago that we reported this to the principal.

Just recently I saw a car that was parked in front of the school's property a little ways from the corner, then backed up to the corner and backed up around the corner (backing up north on 80th around the corner so as to facing east on Chambers) and turned left to go north on 80th instead of going forward and going around the block. He didn't do this backing up slowly at all. It was a good thing that the majority of the children had already come out of the school and were gone from the intersection.

I have lived here for going on 28 years and have seen several incidents in that time. I have always wondered why stop signs were never installed here when 2-way stop signs have been installed on 79th & Chambers and 78th & Chambers, two intersections that do not see the type of traffic that 80th & Chambers sees especially with school children coming out of the school to cross both streets. Please reconsider to put 4-way stop signs at this intersection.

November 27, 2006

Alderman Jim Bohl  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bohl:

Thank you so much for attending our neighborhood-watch meeting on November 11. It was a pleasure meeting you and hearing all of the information you had to impart.

Per your recommendation, I have collected signatures from the residents in our neighborhood indicating our desire to have a three-way stopsign system installed at the intersection of N. 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Stark Avenue. Please find our "petition" enclosed. We hope this traffic-control addition will enhance the safety of our neighborhood by reducing/eliminating the high-speed traffic that occurs regularly on these streets.

I am the lead on this neighborhood project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,



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Submitted November 27, 2006

We, the following neighbors, request a 3-way stop system be installed at the intersection of North 87th Street & Stark, in Milwaukee, WI.

Kristen Gravatt ✓	4863 N. 87th St.
Susan Day ✓	8731 W. Potomac
Wetha Frankel ✓	4920 N. 88th St.
Betty Mann ✓	8706 W. Stark
William Thompson ✓	8703 W. Potomac Ave
Deon Bryant ✓	4875 N. 87th St
Sara Hanning ✓	8706 W. Stark St.
Chris Mueller ✓	8711 W. Potomac
Mr. & Mrs William Smith ✓	8550 W. Potomac Ave
Ruth Becker ✓	4859 N. 87 St.
Sybil Ewert ✓	8788 W Potomac Ave
Kenneth P ✓	4920 W 88th St
Anula Tekba ✓	4902 N. 88th St.
Randy Analt ✓	8704 W. Potomac Ave.
Deanna Bryant ✓	4825 W 87 Street
Dolores H. Jensen ✓	8712 W. Potomac Ave
Karen Mueller ✓	8711 W. Potomac Ave.
Brenda Meyer	4854 N. 87th St.
Paul & Wally Morse - Camp	4848 N. 87th St.
Gay R. H.	4840 N. 87th St.
Wynona Marsh	7831 N 87th St
Gene B...	8629 W. Potomac Ave
Alene Gen	4869 N. 87th St.