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Dear County Commissioners,

I am a junior at Palmer Ridge High School and have some concerns about the traffic in the Monument Ridge East plan. As a new driver, along with many of my friends and my sister who will soon have her permit, I am worried about the increased traffic and safety risks.

The plan directs traffic to turn at the school, with only one direct exit to County Line, forcing cars through neighborhoods. My concerns include:

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- **Speeding**
- **through neighborhoods:**
- Some drivers speed, which could be dangerous for younger kids and the many high schoolers who walk Misty Acres Blvd to and from school.
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- **Safety**
- **risks for new drivers:**
- Routing so much traffic past the school's upper parking lot increases the chances of accidents, especially with so many new drivers. I don't want to see anyone get hurt.
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- **Impact**
- **of semi-trucks:** Trucks
- avoiding the weigh station or backups on I25 will have to pass through residential areas, which could be hazardous. Also, Misty Acres Blvd is not built for semi-trucks.

Additionally, the traffic study seems to overlook school traffic, which is a significant factor since it happens twice a day, five days a week.

I understand the need for residential areas, but I urge you to reconsider the traffic plan. There should be at least two ways to access County Line that don't involve directing traffic through a school zone or neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,  
Caitlin Beverly