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Dear El Paso County Commissioners,

I am contacting you regarding the proposed "Monument Ridge East" development project and its potential impact on traffic and safety near Palmer Ridge High School.

As a parent and staff member at Palmer Ridge, I am concerned about the plan to close Monument Hill/Frontage Road and redirect traffic through Misty Acres. This change would significantly increase congestion, especially during school hours, creating challenges for students, staff, and families attempting to access the school safely. The additional traffic will also increase risks for those entering the upper parking lot from Misty Acres.

There are many new drivers with their learners permits navigating the Palmer Ridge High School area on a daily basis, to and from school. These new drivers are already working to learn a treacherous area that consists of many left turns and poor sightlines. Every school year we have 1-2 traffic accidents as is. To direct all through traffic from 105 to County Line Road, including RVs and Semi trucks, onto Misty Acres could be catastrophic.

Additionally, the traffic study conducted for this project appears incomplete, as it does not account for school-time traffic patterns. I urge the commissioners to reconsider this plan and work towards a solution that addresses these safety and accessibility concerns.

The Tri-Lakes community relies on Monument Hill Road as one of the few through roads on the north side of town. To permanently close it could result in hours of congestion for residents during poor weather, emergencies (forest fires), and other traffic incidents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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