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"Dear El Paso County Commissioners,

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

As a 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.

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.

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

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