



## City Of Eudora, Kansas

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April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Governor Sam Brownback  
Kansas State Capital  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste. 241S  
Topeka, Kansas  
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Governor Brownback,

It is with urgency that I am writing this letter to you seeking assistance resolving an issue of safety for the citizens of Eudora. Last week on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, our community experienced a tragedy. At approximately 3:00 in the afternoon a car headed westbound on the Church Street exit careened into a minivan headed eastbound on K-10. The car traveled through the grassy median unobstructed or delayed by any barrier. This tragedy resulted in two deaths and three serious injuries. One of the deaths was a five year old child from a family with long ties to our City. One of the serious injuries included a 23 month old child that is now suspected to have cracked her vertebrae and remains hospitalized.

We have been told that KDOT has resisted placing wire barriers in the median at this stretch of road because the benefit cost ratio completed in 2009 determined that these barriers were not warranted due to the low numbers of accidents or deaths in the area. I can tell you now that the death toll on this stretch of road has exceeded our community's benefit cost ratio and that we request barriers be installed immediately.

I am requesting that you direct the Secretary of Transportation to immediately begin work to install wire barriers in the median of K-10 from Lawrence to I-435. Please act to work with us so that these tragedies can be minimized. Two families and a community have already been hurt as a result of an accident that may have been prevented if more safety precautions had been taken on this area of road. I request a response be sent within four weeks to our City Administrator, John Harrenstein, who can be contacted at 785-542-4111 or at [caeudora@sunflower.com](mailto:caeudora@sunflower.com).

Sincerely,

Scott Hopson  
Mayor, Eudora

Cc: Representative Anthony Brown  
Senator Tom Holland  
Secretary of Transportation, Deborah Miller  
KDOT Area Engineer, Earl Bosak  
Eudora City Council