There have been many accidents and loss of lives on McKay Road over the last few years. The increase of traffic on this highway due to the Newberg By-Pass

has greatly affected public safety on the local residents and the thousands of travelers and daily commuters. Within the last few months alone,

7 individuals have lost their lives along this few miles of the highway.

As a farm family that has lived on McKay Road for the last 60 plus years, we have witnessed this road being transformed from a country road to a major highway thoroughfare.

This road was created with curves and dips along a stretch of road that has farms and fields that require farm machinery to be on the road.

For this reason McKay Road NEEDS to be managed and treated as a major highway, rather than a local road.

Drivers traveling south on I-5 with their destination to the coast or Spirit Mountain casino, their GPS directs them on to McKay Road to get to the "Newberg By-Pass"

to get to their destination. Drivers are traveling on this road at 70 MPH or faster! All these drivers <u>ARE NOT</u> familiar with the natural hazards of this road,

these are the drivers that are causing the multitude of accidents and loss of lives.

We STRONGLY URGE YOU to PLEASE PASS HB 3213 to make ALL LIVES SAFER.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and effort needed to make needed changes on McKay Road.

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