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Commissioner Iris Weinshall
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York NY 10013

Re: Intersection of Fulton & Lafayette, Brooklyn

Ms. Weinshall

I am writing today to ask the DOT to make improvements to the intersection of Fulton & Lafayette in Brooklyn.

I live in the Fort Greene Clinton Hill area, and the intersection of Fulton & Lafayette has always been dangerous. However, with increased traffic and pedestrians, the situation has only gotten worse.

Crossing Fulton to/from Fowler Square is very difficult for pedestrians. Motorists turning from Lafayette to Fulton often drive at high speeds and are too aggressive. The elderly and the many parents with young children have a very hard time here. Pedestrians need to have a clear path at this crosswalk, free from the fear of being run over.

Many pedestrians coming from the Atlantic Mall cross Lafayette at Fort Greene Place where there should be a crosswalk. Why is there no crosswalk here?

Because many streets converge here, I'm sure it is a difficult task to design the lights and crosswalks to insure pedestrian safety. However, if there is a balance between traffic flow and pedestrian safety, the DOT must really give preference to pedestrians. There are many problems at this intersection, and the community would be much better off with a better system, even if traffic flow suffered slightly.

In July 2005, the Fort Greene Association submitted a detailed recommendation on how to change the light and crosswalk pattern at Fulton & Lafayette. The only change since then has been a left-turn arrow for cars along Fulton Street headed downtown. This is not enough. We don't need months of studies and millions in capital investments – we need a solution now.

I implore you, Ms. Weinshall, to take another look at this intersection and to work with the community to find a better solution. The community desperately needs safer crosswalks.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name