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To whom it may concern,

As a pastor and community leader I support and endorse the installation of stop signs at the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and West Raye Street in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle.

One of our values at the church I serve is to create a safe place for all. A safe place is important, particularly for the more vulnerable. Children and pedestrians are vulnerable at precarious intersections.

I am glad that there have been no injuries at this intersection. However, if we delay we run a risk of this tragedy happening in our community. I stand in accord with the work of Safe in Magnolia to change the intersection listed above. In addition, I ask for prompt response from city officials to address this neighborhood concern.

Should the need arise, I am available for additional comment.

Sincerely,

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