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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Support of Sidewalk Extension along 500 block of Herring Cove Road

reachAbility believes in empowering individuals and enriching our communities through a fair, equitable, and inclusive culture. Fairness, equity and inclusion must apply not only in the ideals we espouse, but also in the physical spaces we inhabit and the landscapes that we share.

For this reason, we are very much in support of the extension of a sidewalk along both sides of Herring Cove Road from Lynnett Road to 564 Herring Cove Road on the eastern side, and from 505 to 581 Herring Cove Road on the western side.

This expansion would provide safety for non-vehicular travelers along this stretch of roadway, easier access to public transportation and essential community services, and an overall improvement in the quality of the community landscape. By extension, a sidewalk would make public transportation and walking more appealing as a means of travel for *all* of the community's residents – benefiting the health of individuals and the environment.

It is clear to see that this stretch of roadway is already in use by individuals on foot – but with no small degree of danger from passing traffic. A proper sidewalk would mean a vast improvement in safety. Just as importantly, it would make the use of public transportation, and the offices and services that the community relies on along this roadway, equally accessible to those who use wheelchairs and other mobility assists.

We hope that the Halifax Regional Municipality will see that such an improvement is not a luxury but rather a necessity, to make this area safe, and accessible, to all.

Yours sincerely,

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