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Hello!

I wanted to let you know that our advocacy group is planning a vigil and awareness event on Friday 2/5 along the bike path between Lolo and Florence. I have attached the information for the event as we welcome the county's involvement and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

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Dear Media Outlets, Community, and Agencies:

Last Friday our community was once again reminded of the dangers of highway 93 between Lolo and Florence, by the loss of yet another beloved community member.

In light of this, on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, we are inviting concerned citizens to gather in unity along the westside Bitterroot Bike Trail from Lolo to Florence to stand together for a silent vigil. This action is intended to bring awareness to, and garner support for much-needed Highway 93 safety improvements.

We are asking that people show up with large homemade white crosses (cardboard, wood, etc.) . We encourage writing the names of lost loved ones, lives forever changed, *driver awareness*, or possibly a message encouraging Gov. Gianforte to support by prioritizing the request and resources for increased safety. We ask that people spread out along the west bike path throughout the 8 mile stretch between Lolo and Florence, maintain six-foot social distancing as much as possible and please wear face masks.

Parking is available at the park and ride parking lots near Trader Brothers and Carlton Creek (walk north and go through the pedestrian underpass to west side bike path), and the main parking lot near across from Florence-Carlton High School. Please do not park on the highway shoulder, driveways, or access roads. Avoid west side parking, and do not impede foot nor highway traffic.

This vigil of remembrance is not a political forum. The intention of this vigil is to remember, honor, and memorialize those lost along this dangerous stretch of highway.

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