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Berlin City Council,
City Manager, James Wheeler
168 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Wheeler and City Council Representatives;

Mr. Wheeler, thank you for taking the time to speak with me regarding this problem today. As I explained, the problem with vehicles travelling with excessive speed on First Avenue is getting worse. I've been nearly hit myself numerous times, called police about this issue multiple times over the past few years, and nothing is being done to enforce the speed limit of 25 mph. Twice in the recent past a radar sign was put in place for a week, however, this resulted in zero improvement. It appears that we need to involve our City Manager, Police Chief, and possibly others before there is a terrible tragedy.

Sunday at least 50 vehicles went by our house at speeds over 50 mph, and at 6:55 a.m. Monday a pickup truck went by doing all of 60 mph, passing our windows like a flash! I've resorted to yelling at drivers to slow down if I'm in the road with my dog, and it shouldn't come to this. It is not safe. We have 9 dogs and about 8 young children riding bikes and playing in the street just in the few homes in my section of First Avenue. Other neighbors are also concerned. The worst portion of the road appears to be from Mink Street to Coolidge Street. After dark between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., commuting times on both ends of the day, as well as weekends are problem times.

How about speed limit signs and some police enforcement? If people began to get fined and ticketed for speeding, this problem would certainly improve. We deserve protection that we are not getting. A City like Berlin should WANT to retain productive, community-oriented, law abiding citizens like us, and not discourage us from living here. We are tired of this problem getting ignored. What is the next step needed to get some results?

Sincerely,



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