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Ben Rogers  
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Dear Mr. Rogers

Thank you for this opportunity to share my name is Dr. Trina Brown; our family and others have sincere concerns regarding the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in the City of Ft. Lauderdale. There is a vital need for the City of Ft. Lauderdale to deliver the LauderTrail system to improve the quality of life through providing safe transportation infrastructure for all user types. I, Dr. Trina Brown, is writing this letter in support for this funding opportunity in honor and remembrance of my brother, Mr. Rodney Brown. Mr. Brown, was a deaf resident of the City's northwest neighborhood, he was fatally struck on July 22, 2023, while riding his bicycle near Carter Park. Mr. Brown was utilizing his primary transportation option, his bicycle, along a busy roadway with over 10,000 average daily trips, on his way to church when he was struck from behind him. The City of Fort Lauderdale is requesting construction funding to provide safer transportation infrastructure for all user types and mitigate vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian interactions.

I believe that The LauderTrail system will help prevent unnecessary accidents in the future, with a mixed-use trail system that provides pedestrians and bicyclists safe, accessible routes to parks, green spaces, businesses, and alternative transportation hubs, such as bus stops and railway systems, and connects to local micro transit services.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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