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To whom it may concern:

I have been following the development of the Kihei High School, the roundabout, and pedestrian access for a while now. I am deeply concerned about the situation.

As someone who has lived in many places around the world that either had roundabouts, or moved from traffic lights to roundabouts, I am well aware of the benefits roundabouts provide. However, I am also aware that pedestrian safety is not among those benefits. Children in particular have difficulty judging traffic conditions, speed of vehicles, risks, and they get easily distracted. And this is especially so on multi-lane highways. (The way I understand it, our keiki would have to cross not 4, but 6 lanes of traffic). I do not have children who would be attending Kihei High School, but if I did, I clearly wouldn't let them walk to a school with this sort of safety concern.

I am also under the impression that one proposed solution is to "shuttle" children across the high school. I would urge you not to adopt this approach. I do not think this is an adequate solution, and I do not think it would be kept up for any length of time. And then what? Close the school again?

While I personally have been outspoken in favor of an overpass that satisfies all the criteria (including not being an eyesore), I am also aware that we are years and millions of dollars away from such a solution. I am dismayed that this is the situation we find ourselves in. How can we have a high school project that simply seems to have forgotten about letting our keiki walk to school safely?

But be that as it may be, we have to deal with the situation at hand. The only workable short-term solution I see is a walkway under one of the highway bridges near the school. It doesn't have to be fancy and expensive. It doesn't have to be a permanent solution. But it must be something that keeps children away from traffic **any time of day and until an overpass can be built.**

I therefore ask you - beg you! - to take this matter seriously and not settle for a solution that ultimately doesn't live up to the label of being a "solution".

Regards,  
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