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**Subject:** My letter

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On Friday, May 23rd, I came very close to being killed. On E Alameda, between Paseo de Peralta and Cathedral place, there is a crosswalk, meant to make sure pedestrians get safely across this street. Heavy users include the older folks at El Castillo, and tourists on their way to Canyon Rd. I use this crosswalk often. I always try to make sure I see no cars coming in either direction. On Friday, I was waiting to cross the crosswalk from the bus stop to the El Castillo side. I saw a city bus approaching and he asked if I need a bus ride and I said no. He said he was waiting so I could go across. I looked and saw no other cars, so slowly with my cane I started to cross, not realizing that the light at Paseo de Peralta had changed to green. As I slowly walked past the bus, a huge pickup came roaring up behind the bus, passed it and passed me going at least 35 miles an hour less than a foot from my body. He saw me and never slowed down and there was a woman in another car behind him who also continued speeding. I was shaking and have not slept a night since then.

This was not the only time a person has been shaken and hurt. A few weeks ago a man was waiting to cross at this same crosswalk and a car came and stopped to let him go across. As he was crossing another car drove up behind the stopped car, smashed into it, forcing it to hit the man and the car that hit the stopped car took off. The man was taken to the hospital with broken bones and the smashed car had huge damage. The driver of the other car took off knowing there were no cameras nor witnesses. The hurt man was living at El Castillo, so an administrator went to the city asking that they install a camera or put up a sign with blinking lights that a pedestrian could activate to help cross the street. Even seeing a police patrol from time to time would make it safer. But the city said it was too expensive. My take is that when a person is killed, and someone will be, it is going to cost

the city a whole lot more \$ because they will be sued.

NM has one of the highest rates of pedestrian deaths in the USA.

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