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Re: Providing Safety Bollards to Protect First Floor Workers and Visitors

Dear Administrator Shelton,

While I eagerly await answers from the General Services Administration (GSA) regarding my June 11, 2024 letter, attached, please also include the answers to these questions in your response:

- How many federal facilities, that are not already protected by a fence, lack safety bollards or similar preventative measures to protect first-floor workers and visitors?
- How many federal facilities lack safety bollards or similar preventative measures in (1) Travis, (2) Williamson, and (3) Hays County? How many are lacking in the Austin area? Provide at least an estimate for each category.
- How and when will GSA conduct a review to determine whether to add safety bollards?

As you know, this issue came to my attention through an in-depth KXAN investigation by Matt Grant after a car was driven into St. David's emergency room—killing the driver and injuring five others, including a three-year-old child.[1] This troubling incident, and similar, have increased calls for installing safety bollards or posts to prevent vehicles from crashing into buildings. With growing security concerns in recent years, I anticipate many federal buildings have such protections, but I seek your answers.

I look forward to GSA's prompt response.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett

cc: Giancarlo Brizzi, Regional Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

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[1] Matt Grant, "Preventing Disaster: Austin Hospital Crash Among 300+ In U.S. Since 2014," *KXAN*, May 15, 2024, https://www.kxan.com/preventing-disaster/

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