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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

June 11, 2024

Jason L. Shelton  
Regional Administrator, General Services Administration  
819 Taylor Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Administrator Shelton,

An increasing number of injuries and deaths have occurred as vehicles are driven, either negligently or intentionally, into privately-owned buildings. The Storefront Safety Council estimates over 30,000 such incidents over the last decade.<sup>[1]</sup>

A recent tragedy at St. David's Hospital in Austin, brought to my attention by the in-depth investigative reporting of Matt Grant at KXAN, resulted from a car driven into a hospital emergency room—leaving the driver deceased and five individuals injured, including a three-year-old child.<sup>[2]</sup> These troubling incidents have increased calls for action to require the installation of safety bollards or posts to prevent vehicles from crashing into buildings. With growing security concerns in recent years, I would anticipate that federal buildings have such protection.

Given the number of smaller facilities that may be leased for services, such as Social Security and veteran health care, I want to ensure that adequate safety measures are erected at all locations providing federal services.

Do any buildings used by federal agencies in your region lack safety bollards or similar safety measures to prevent the endangerment of employees and visitors to these federal facilities?

Sincerely,



Lloyd Doggett

cc: Giancarlo Brizzi, Regional Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

<sup>[1]</sup> Storefront Safety Council, "Storefront Safety and Security Can Be Twice as Effective Together," October 16, 2023, <https://www.storefrontsafety.org/post/storefront-safety-and-security-can-be-twice-as-effective-together>

<sup>[2]</sup> Matt Grant, "Preventing Disaster: Austin Hospital Crash Among 300+ In U.S. Since 2014," KXAN, May 15, 2024, <https://www.kxan.com/preventing-disaster/>