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Mayor Greg Nickols
Mayor's Office
Seattle City Hall
Seattle, WA 98105

Dear Mayor Nickols:

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I am an 18 year old senior at Bishop Blanchet High School here in Seattle. I am writing to you to express my appreciation for your support of two different issues that are important to me. First of all, I think that the cleaning up of the University Ave. is very important, and I also think that your push for federal funding to fix the Alaskan Way viaduct is very important.

I live very close to the University Ave and have spent a lot of time there when growing up and it hasn't been in great shape lately. Along with fixing it up though, I think that it's important to try and keep the culture. This means not making the buildings too nice so stores like "The Woolly Mammoth" and "Red Light Vintage Clothing" cannot afford to stay there anymore. Still, I can already see some changes, like re-paving of the roads, which is making a huge difference.

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The Alaskan Way Viaduct is the best place to be stuck in traffic on the entire earth. The view of Puget Sound makes you forget your road rage. After the Nisqually earthquake in 2001 the viaduct and the Alaskan Way Seawall were both damaged and might not hold up in case of another large earthquake. For this reason I think that it is very important that the Federal Government does give the \$1 billion you are asking for. If the Alaskan Way viaduct does suffer another earthquake, it could not only be dangerous. Also, our traffic is pretty bad as it is, and if the viaduct had to close at times it would be hard to get anywhere.

I really appreciate what you are doing for the city. I can see that you truly care about making Seattle a better place for all that live here.

Sincerely yours,



John K. Naden

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The City of Seattle, as a lead agency, thanks you for your comments on the University Way project and support for funding for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project.

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Thank you for providing your support for the project and for federal funding.