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My name is Michael A. Parsnick and *reside at 4217 McKoon Ave in Niagara Falls. I appear before you this afternoon on behalf of many residents of Deveaux who oppose the total removal of the north parkway. We call ourselves, Preserve Deveaux. We support partial removal of the parkway from Main St to Findlay Dr with new traffic flow down Main St or Whirlpool with parkway traffic resuming at Findlay Dr down to Lewiston and towns north. Total parkway elimination would result in increase traffic flow down Lewiston Rd. through Deveaux. This stretch of Lewiston Rd. includes various straightaways and turns which are confusing roadways for tourists and unfamiliar local travelers. Night time travel along this section of Lewiston Rd. is a challenge to the unfamiliar and often screeching brakes can be heard by us who live close to this thoroughfare. Proposals that talk about directing tourist and travelers going or returning from the north going down Ferry Ave to Hyde Park Blvd and then connecting onto Lewiston Rd looks good on paper but is impractical as is the proposal to use Highland Ave to exit or enter the downtown area. These alternative routes also fail efforts to increase traffic flow in business on North Main St which we support. Of utmost concern is the safety of our children many of who walk to our neighborhood school, Maple Ave. Increased vehicular traffic raises unnecessary safety issues for them especially during the winter when many must walk along the road because of snow accumulation on the sidewalks. Then there are the youth baseball, softball and soccer games that are played on property adjacent to Lewiston Rd. In summation , increased traffic on Lewiston Rd is a public safety issue for*

*residents of Deveaux and we remain determined to preserve the tranquility of our neighborhood.*