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January 2, 2008

Mrs. Cathy Moore
P.O. Box 100
Rustburg, Virginia 24588

Dear Mrs. Moore:

This is in reference to Campbell County's request for the Virginia Department of Transportation to reduce the statutory 55/45 MPH speed limit on Route 656 from Route 24 to Route 646 to a 45 mph speed limit. We have conducted a speed study on this section of Route 656 at two (2) locations and these studies indicate that the operating speed on Route 656 is 67.63 MPH and 62.90 MPH. These speed samples were taken North of Route 657 and South of Route 657.

We also have reviewed the crash rate, injury rate and fatality rate on this section of Route 656 and found that these rates are below the Lynchburg District rates.

Due to the operating speed samples and accident data, we cannot establish the 45 mph reduced speed zone as requested. We do recommend that the appropriate law-enforcement agency be contacted to enforce the existing statutory 55/45 MPH speed limit.

If you have any questions or should you need additional information, please call me (434) 947-2167.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Brown
Assistant Residency Administrator