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U.S. Mail and email

mayor @memphistn.gov
The Honorable Jim Strickland
125 N. Main St. Room 700
Memphis, TN 38103

Re: Street lights out on Shady Grove between Yates and Shady Grove school for more than two months

Dear Jim:

I normally would not bother you directly with issues (unless I run into you somewhere out in public like the grocery store). This one is important to the Shady Grove neighborhood and affects the safety of the residents, motorists, children and bicyclists who use the sidewalks along Shady Grove and the road itself between Yates and the elementary school.

There are two blocks of street lights in that area (on both the north and south sides of Shady Grove) that are completely out and have been out since May 14, 2022. Everyone in this two block area has attempted to use proper channels with the MLGW reporting system and nothing is happening. We recently witnessed two wrecks near Yates and Shady Grove and we believe the darkness of the area may have contributed to at least one of these wrecks. As you probably know, Shady Grove is used by many walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Additionally, there are many residents who walk to temple services on the weekends. We need this area illuminated for the safety and enjoyment for many groups.

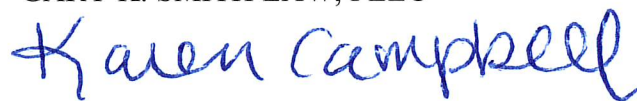
MLGW came out on Friday, May 13, 2022 and the lights were on for that Friday night, went out, and have not been on since that time. Prior to May 13, 2022 the street lights were out for weeks.

We do not know what the problem is. What we do know is that it is not safe.

Jim, anything you can do to help on this would be wonderful, and we would greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Karen M. Campbell

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