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Dear Mr. Barraga

On september 19, 2013 my mother was hit by a work van, whose driver claimed he didn't see her. Ironically this accident took place in front of the Babylon Bike Shop. My mom made sure she was doing everything right, she was wearing her helmet and she was following the proper bike laws of the road. On the day she was hit she was biking on Montauk Highway, the traffic light was green, but because the driver must have been in a hurry he jumped the on coming traffic to make a left turn and hit my mother claiming he never saw her.

Some people say she should have been on the sidewalk but it is against the law in New York. But regardless of where she was she still would have been hit and it still would have been the drivers fault. Because of this accident my mother ended up with a broken shoulder and neck and head injuries, luckily it wasn't worse. Accidents like this happen all the time and its because drivers are unaware of the laws for bicyclists, thats why I think there should be some sort of bike lane or maybe even just some warning signs to put around in certain areas so that drivers can know when to be careful of bicyclists. This is something that could save lives and keep thousands of people from being injured in accidents such as the one my mother was involved in.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cutrone