Dear Paradise Valley Neighbor,

Recently a gentle, friendly guy in his 20s was run over and killed in our community.

He was hit sitting in his lawn chair above Paradise Valley Road, waving at cars going by, as he often did.

Maybe he waved at you once or twice. Maybe you waved back.

He's not the only one. Speeding through Paradise Valley is causing fatalities, near misses, and crashes. From the railroad tunnel to the bridge on the way to Mount Pocono, drivers scoff at the hills, curves, poor sight-lines, and 45-mile speed limit.

The State Police have promised more enforcement and patrols. But they're short-handed and stretched thin.

Will you please help?

Keep it to 45. Stay off your phone. Give neighbors who live along 191/940/Paradise Valley Road a break as they turn into and leave their driveways.

We can't bring back the lost lives. But together we can calm the road down and prevent another tragedy.

Sincerely,

Jim and Carol Hillestad Ann and Steve Foster Pete Niering Cindy and Rich DeLuca Larry and Pat Paretta Sandy and Bill Dietz Jean and Patrick Connor Tom Galucci

P.S. You're right — many speeders are from out of state. But there are more of us locals! And by setting the pace we can make a difference.