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Subject: Dent Breakaway Bolts

On March 27, 2000 the Montana Department of Transportation installed a sign structure using the Dent Breakaway Bolts, with you present at this installation. The sign structure was on two posts with rectangle base plates.

The sign structure has been installed for 3½ years and there have been no problems from fatigue or wind. This was erected in a high volume urban area and has withstood snow and ice removal, along with winter weather conditions and increased wind.

At this time, we have not lost this Breakaway due to errant vehicles from either direction. As the Dent Breakaway Bolt has shown, it can handle our conditions and has reduced labor cost at this intersection.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Field Maintenance Chief-Billings

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