



# City of Fall River Massachusetts

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## **Statement Following Judi St. Hilaire's Accident**

**(FALL RIVER, MA- November 1, 2021)**- Mayor Paul Coogan has issued the following statement after his wife, Judi St. Hilaire, was injured in a bicycling accident on October 31st:

“I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for the hundreds of comments and messages showing support for Judi and I after her accident. While I can't take the time to reply to each and every one, know that we have seen all your kind words. It is humbling to see the outpouring of support for Judi.

Judi remains in the ICU at Saint Luke's but is in stable condition. They are continuing to run tests. She will have a long journey to recovery, but we have no doubt that she will be back on the road before long.

Judi, who always believes in finishing a race strong, has insisted that I continue with the campaign in between visits to the hospital. However, she will continue to be my top priority.

As with any tragedy, yesterday's accident was an important reminder of what matters most. I also hope that this incident is a reminder to all drivers to stay focused and drive with caution.”