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Dear Transportation Committee,

My name is Brian Tang. I am a freshman at Yale University in New Haven, where the majority of my friends feel too intimidated by high speeds and aggressive drivers to bicycle in the street. Because crosswalks are inadequate and don't meet our needs, thousands of Yale students jaywalk across even the busiest, most dangerous streets on campus every day.

I would like to express my wholehearted support for statewide Complete Streets legislation. Streets need to do more than just allow drivers to get from point A to point B as quickly as physically possible. They need to be places for people, not just their cars. The street is the most important public space we have. How we use this space reflects the values and priorities of our culture.

Is this a society of cars or people?

I applaud the efforts the City of New Haven has made to allow our streets to better serve pedestrians and cyclists. There's only so much the City can do, however, and they need the full support of the State behind their efforts.

Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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