



WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Chairman DeFronzo
Chairman Guerrero
Members of the Transportation Committee

March 11, 2009

RE: SB 735 - AN ACT IMPROVING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Dear Chairman DeFronzo and Chairman Guerrero, and members of the Transportation Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing in support of legislation regarding **Bicycle and Pedestrian Access** as noted in SB 735.

We are particularly pleased that there will be a permanent Bike/Ped Committee created. The State has long been in need of a constant voice for bicycle and pedestrian planning. In addition, this proposal is very much in line with some of the smart growth initiatives being considered by the legislature. The Complete Streets language contained within this bill also melts well with the smart growth initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration in moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Paquette
Executive Director, WINCOG

cc: WINCOG Board of Directors