



Testimony in support of Raised Bill #5386, An Act Concerning the Safety of Pedestrians and Cyclists and the Promotion of Healthy Communities

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The Central Connecticut Bicycle Alliance

I would like to thank the Transportation Committee for their support of bicycle-friendly legislation during the 2009 session. On behalf of the Central Connecticut Bicycle Alliance, I am encouraging you to continue your support during this year's session.

The Central Connecticut Bicycle Alliance supports Raised Bill No. 5386 that would establish a competitive grant program to award municipalities for projects that promote healthy communities and improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

This bill is revenue neutral and its passage would present an important opportunity to invest federal dollars in projects that support the long term health and vibrancy of both Connecticut citizens and the Connecticut economy. Dedicating a portion of funds to be used for bicycle and pedestrian improvements will help move Connecticut's transportation system forward. Cycling and walking can and should be an integral part of our transportation system.

The Central Connecticut Bicycle Alliance urges the Committee to pass this bill so that Connecticut can begin to achieve a more equitable balance between modes in the funding allocations for transportation in our State, thus creating a more attractive working and living environment for its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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