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Senator Edward Meyer, Co-Chair
Representative Richard Roy, Co-Chair
Members of the Environment Committee
State of Connecticut General Assembly
210 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: In support of S.B. 831, An Act Concerning Municipal Liability for
Recreational Activities on Certain Open Space Lands**

Dear Co-Chairs Meyer and Roy, and Committee members,

Bike Walk Connecticut is a statewide membership based organization committed to ensuring that bicycling and walking are attractive, safe, and reliable modes of everyday transportation in Connecticut.

Bike Walk Connecticut has formally endorsed the campaign to reform the state Recreational Land Use Act to provide municipal and quasi-public owners of land the same limited immunity from liability as currently is extended to state and private owners who make their land open to free recreational use and enjoyment by the public. We are writing today respectfully to request that the Environment Committee demonstrate the same support by passing S.B. 831.

On any given day under any circumstances, we believe there is no rational basis for a state recreational land use law/policy that provides municipal and quasi-public landowners any less express statutory provision of limited immunity than any other owner of land. But these days we now are given are under circumstances that clearly should compel your votes in favor of S.B. 831, along with other initiatives like it that serve to increase, not threaten to deny, opportunities for residents and guests to burn calories while enjoying the magnificent Connecticut outdoors.

On behalf of the Board and our membership, thank you truly for your attention to this letter. We respect the many demands on your time and energy, and are grateful for all that you are doing promoting the health and vitality of the people and State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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