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Dear Chairpersons and Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of Proposed S.B. 720, AN ACT CREATING PENALTIES FOR CAUSING HARM TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY. As a regular bicycle rider, including riding to work, I am very aware of the importance of careful driving of motor vehicles. Although I have been fortunate not to have been hit while riding my bike, I know other bike riders have been hit. Most accidents are avoidable if drivers use reasonable caution. Proposed S.B. 720 would require drivers who hit bike riders and other vulnerable users of a public ways to attend driver retraining. This is a reasonable proposal that should help avoid further injury or death to bike riders and other vulnerable users of a public way by those drivers who have demonstrated that their driving skills are inadequate. I urge you to vote in support of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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