

Members of the Transportation Committee
State of Connecticut General Assembly
2300 LOB
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: IN SUPPORT of S.B. 720, AN ACT CREATING PENALTIES FOR
CAUSING HARM TO, OR THE DEATH OF, A VULNERABLE
USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.**

Dear Co-Chairs Maynard and Guerrero, and Committee members,

I am writing to you today not only as President of the board of Bike Walk Connecticut, which is a statewide membership based organization committed to ensuring that bicycling and walking are attractive, safe, and reliable modes of everyday transportation in Connecticut. I am also writing as a private citizen and as a parent.

I personally am in strong support of S.B. 720. I believe that the intent and value of vulnerable users' law should be the driver re-education of the offending motorist.

Your passage of S.B. 720 will ensure that those offenders who injure or kill the most vulnerable users of our roadways, including as set forth in the bill: pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, farmers, highway workers, emergency responders, and persons in wheelchairs, that these offenders *shall be required* to attend, as set forth in the bill, a motorist's retraining program.

Thank you for hearing our concerns for those who are at the mercy of motorists every day. While we hope that most motorists realize the power they control each time they get behind the wheel of their vehicles, your passage of this bill will at least provide some measure of protection for our other members of society who choose to "Share the Road".

Sincerely,

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