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Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 5:26 PM
To: Kess, Quinn
Subject: Fwd: please oppose SB 103

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To: Kevin.kelly@cga.tc.gov
Sent: Tue, February 12, 2013 2:17:41 PM
Subject: SB 103

Senator Kelly:

I ask that you oppose the passage of Senate Bill 103 (CT SB00103)
I might be one of the cyclist that will be most at risk and if this bill passes I will not be able to provide any of the donated time and services that I currently provide.

Please oppose the passage of Senate Bill 103 (CT SB00103). I and about 200 of the adults and scouts that I ride with have a lot to lose personally if this bill passes.

I do my best to promote bicycle safety as a ride leader , as a Boy Scout Assistant Scout Master (cycling councilor) , **and as a father to a son with scoliosis.**

to the boy scouts:

I teach the importance and safety of riding. I enforce single file riding at all times, but do express that when you need to pass in order to make the situation safe, you must do so as quickly, efficiently and safely as possible. As a scout leader I will be the one riding on the left of the rider either reprimanding or assisting a scout in hour to gear, how to climb, etc. we do not do this on busy roads, but all roads have cars and officers.

on my fundraising ride leading:

I lead and help people train for fundraising events. to some of the people that I attempt to help out (cancer patients, survivors, people in remission, etc). the training is something that they desperately need to do. For the last several years I believe that I have helped survivors regain their stamina, strength, and emotional well being. I always promote single file riding, especially when someone yells car back, car up, etc.

I do however find myself by someones side (riding 2 wide) asking if they are okay and looking for signs of fatigue, dehydration, heat stroke, etc. I pull up next to a rider, I may be providing a helpful tip, a direction, or I may try to hold a conversation while listening to the breathing, looking at the facial color etc. If I realize that one or several of the riders are not as well versed as they should be, I ride the left of the person in order to keep them from swerving into any traffic, the road, etc.

My Son with scoliosis

I was told several years ago that my son wouldn't play sports or ride a bike because it would be uncomfortable for him.

My son is 11 and has scoliosis in his neck and is unable to turn his neck to the left.

He plays soccer, but he can't run as fast or for as long as the others, he notices this and loses interest. He is trying to find a sport or exercise and biking seems to be okay for him, except for the fact that he cant turn his neck to see traffic. We ride a tandem, but he wants his freedom, we ride on the rail trails, but there are not that many of them.

I'm an avid cyclist and cycle everywhere (when I am not working), my son always wants to join me, so I let him.

Because he can not turn his neck, I act as his left hand shield (just like any good father should do). I ride on his side to assure that he does not come into the road.

we tried mirrors, but they distract him more than help him. It is not our intent to break the rules, we stop if there is traffic, roll if it is safer to do so.

Please oppose the passage of Senate Bill 103 (CT SB00103). I and about 200 of the adults and scouts that I ride with have a lot to lose personally if this bill passes.

Regards;

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Sent: Tue, February 12, 2013 1:27:27 PM

Subject: [SoundCyclists] FW: SB 103

Don't forget to mail your state legislators to oppose SB 103

Enjoy the roads!

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Subject: SB 103

Dear Senator McKinney and Representative Shaban:

I am writing to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 103 (CT SB00103) which is currently under consideration by the legislature. As a long-time Connecticut resident and cyclist, I believe that the proposed bill will unreasonably interfere with safe recreational cycling in Connecticut and is unnecessary given the current laws which already deal adequately with this issue.

As I am sure you know, subsection (b) of current Ct. Gen. Statutes Section 14-286b, which SB 103 seeks to modify, provides that a cyclist may ride two abreast except when doing so would "impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic..." The existing statute provides a reasonable and adequate balance between the rights and obligations of cyclists and motorists and also adequately protects the public safety. There are many circumstances where cyclists must and do ride two abreast. These include when overtaking a slower rider, especially on hilly terrain, when exchanging places in a pace line, which is, by design, single file riding except for the periods of time when riders are changing the lead, and, at times, when assisting other riders.

Under the proposed bill, each of these would be prohibited. As a result, normal attributes of recreational cycling will be outlawed, even when they pose no threat to the safety of either cyclists or motorists and where they do not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Current Section 14-286b already prohibits riding two abreast when it would interfere with the flow of traffic. As a result, in those rare instances where cyclists may be impacting motorists in an inappropriate way by riding two abreast, current law provides the necessary law enforcement tools.

The impact will be especially severe for the many organized and charity rides that Connecticut hosts each year, which serve to raise massive amounts of donations for worthy charities in the state.

The scenic byways and backroads of Connecticut are a huge state asset which is used and enjoyed by many thousands of Connecticut residents and visitors each year. I strongly urge you not to enact SB 103 which is unnecessary and will have a severely negative effect on the use and enjoyment of this resource by recreational cyclists.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Janson
Weston, CT

cc: Transportation Committee Members

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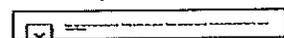
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