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Subject: CT Senate Bill 103

Please accept this email as my written testimony in lieu of appearance at tomorrow's public hearing. I'd like to voice my opposition to the passage of this unnecessary interference with the existing rights of the residents of Connecticut.

Existing law already prohibits cyclists interfering or impeding traffic when riding side by side.

A prohibition upon that practice would prevent me as a father, from instructing my daughters on safe riding practices as well as diminishing the enjoyment of this recreational activity. I am an avid road cyclist who road over 3,500 miles last season on mostly rural roads where this is rarely an issue. I concede that I've seen cyclists who ignore existing law, but have seen more motorists who ignore anti-texting or cell phone usage legislation.

Why not pass a resolution that supports police departments enforcing existing laws riding, texting and cell phone calling as a means of rectifying any perceived problems before reducing more of our freedom?

Sincerely,
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