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Please do not pass this bill, it will not achieve its said purpose and do more to keep pedestrians/cyclist safer, it will only reduce their rights to the road even further. Pedestrians have an increasingly difficult time staying safe on the road, whether it be cyclists, joggers, walkers, etc. without reducing their rights and giving vehicles even more rights to the road. In this day and age we should be doing more to encourage exercise and people to get outside and enjoy our great State. I am an avid cyclists as well as a motor vehicle operator, so I can speak from both sides of the table. I feel like I am taking my life in my own hands to go outside and exercise due to increased vehicle speeds and recklessness of some drivers. Fewer and fewer vehicle operators even show the slightest common courtesy to move over or slow down for pedestrians, never mind police enforcing the 3' law (I would like to know how many 3' violations law enforcement have issued). We are seen as an object on the road, rather than a fragile human being, they must overcome to get to wherever they are going 2 seconds sooner. Furthermore, I find that when I am operating a vehicle and move over for pedestrians, they wave to me, showing their appreciation. This tells me that this has become the exception in our society, not the norm.

Thank you for your consideration

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