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Subject: Please Support SB 336, the Vulnerable User Bill

To the Transportation Committee:

Please support SB 336, the Vulnerable User Bill, on March 5.

Our state's roadways are a limited resource with many types of users. In some municipalities, bicyclists are not allowed on sidewalks, meaning that they must bike in the street. Pedestrians and runners must often use the street as well because of the limited sidewalk infrastructure or obstructions on the sidewalk. **I continue to read accounts of conflicts between cars and these vulnerable users of our street network that result in injury or death in which the motorist is not held accountable.** I understand that *as the most vulnerable users*, bicyclists, pedestrians, runners, horseback riders and road workers must be extra vigilant and careful. I believe this can be accomplished with better infrastructure to make their choice of transportation mode easier and safer to use—as well as education campaigns. Motorists however need to be extra vigilant, take extra care, and take responsibility for their actions, as the accidents they are involved in are more likely to have deadly consequences. Consider this: the safer our vulnerable users are, the more people will choose biking and walking as viable transportation modes, and the less congested our roadways become. Win/win.

Thank you.

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