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Subject: Please support HB 6840 and bike and pedestrian funding

To the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee:

I support the Governor's proposals to develop and fund a first-rate active transportation network of bike lanes, greenways, multiuse paths, and pedestrian infrastructure in Connecticut. Please support HB 6840.

- I am a medical student at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, and I believe that CT has the potential to be a very bike-friendly state, all seasons excluding winter. Bus transportation with CTTransit is improving and I believe that bike transportation will be the next great addition to the state. Expanding the bikeways in CT will allow not only create jobs for the state, but also reduce emissions and promote a healthy lifestyle among CT residents. For example, in Farmington, promoting bike lanes on main streets will allow more direct, safer, quicker access to places for bicyclists, thus promoting cycling while reducing traffic and emissions.

For so many reasons, it's time for Connecticut to become a great place to bike and walk. Please support HB 6840, and help CT be a leader among states promoting a healthy, environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Thank you.
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