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To the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee:

- I'm a regular pedestrian and cyclist and have found that well designed transportation infrastructure is safer and encouraging to people.
- We definitely have a problem with building roads that do little to alleviate our traffic congestion. Every person walking and biking is a car off the road.
- Biking and walking are cost-effective ways to reduce traffic congestion, and they're good for the environment, our health, and our economy.
- Bike lanes, sidewalks and greenways cost a fraction of what it costs to build and maintain roads. People want to bike and walk more, but many don't feel safe without bike lanes, greenways and sidewalks. Build them and people will use them.
- Great facilities will bring in tourists. Just check out Bicycling magazine, they regularly spotlight trails. I frequently run into tourists on the Farmington heritage rail trail. (Canadians last week) People do seek out great trails.

For so many reasons, it's time for Connecticut to become a great place to bike and walk. Please support HB 6840.

Thank you.
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