

Subject: Please support HB 6840 and bike and pedestrian funding
April 26, 2015

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.

As a Madison Resident I have watched the development and use of the Shoreline Greenway Trails. This trail provided wonderful recreational opportunities for all families. And this is not just a summertime activity. I have spent many hours cross country skiing on it! Trails in our communities create a quality of life that is attractive to all. Particularly young families, just the demographic Connecticut needs to keep!

Trails are much less costly to build and maintain than yet another lane on our highways.

Trails provide economic benefits. Riders like myself spend money in the communities we ride through.

Trails provide the opportunity for people to enjoy the beauty of our state by feeling it, not just watching it pass by their windshield!

It is a dream of mine that someday I will be able to walk, bike or ski to work!

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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