

**Testimony by Laurie Ongley
In Support of Bills 502 and 6368
and the Bike Walk Connecticut Proposal to Amend Conn. Gen. Stat. §14-286b(a)**

Committee on Transportation
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I am a bicycle commuter in Connecticut who supports clarification of the laws regarding safe cycling. To stay safe I must sometimes cycle within traffic lanes, and I will appreciate clarification of when I am legally justified in doing so.

Bills 502 and 6368 and the amendment proposed by Bike Walk Connecticut will give me a legal basis for responsible riding. I always ride with twin goals of safety and courtesy, but it is not always clear whether I am following traffic laws. The bills and amendment under consideration will allow me to follow clear laws while still being safe and courteous.

Please support Bills 502 and 6368 and the Bike Walk Connecticut Proposal to Amend Conn. Gen. Stat. §14-286b(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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