Dear Carlo Leone and the members of the Transportation Committee,

People Friendly Stamford is a coalition of over 200 citizens in Stamford who are passionate about promoting walking and biking for safety, convenience and enjoyment. Our mission is to improve connectivity throughout Stamford's network of neighborhoods. Our work has included advocacy for bike lanes, expanding the Mill River Greenway, improving connectivity, and also the adoption of the city's Complete Streets Ordinance which was passed in January 2015.

We're writing this letter to urge you to support SB 502, or the "Bike Bill." People Friendly Stamford asks you to support this bill to for the improvement of statewide infrastructure for biking and walking. We have come a long way in Connecticut to promote the concept of complete streets, but continued progress to implement accessibility and inclusivity of all modes in the design of the transportation system is necessary.

According to BikeWalkCT, our statewide walking and biking advocacy organization, this bill intends to:
1. Clarify the law on riding as far to the right as practicable (AFRAP), as recommended by the League of American Bicyclists.
2. Permit and encourage modern bicycle facilities, including two-way bike lanes and "cycle tracks."
3. Clarify when and how motor vehicles may pass slower moving vehicles, including bicycles.

Please consider the safety, convenience and enjoyment of pedestrians, bikes, and all non-motorized users of the transportation system and support SB 502 this Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the CT Transportation Committee hearing.

Sincerely,

Mike Papa