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Cc: Bike Walk Connecticut; zRepresentative Noreen Kokoruda; Colleen Kelly Alexander; board@bikewalkct.org
Subject: Support for HB 5403, Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety

Dear Rep. Tong, Sen. Coleman, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

As a member of Bike Walk Connecticut I thank you for raising HB 5403, an important measure to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use the roads. I urge the legislature to pass this bill in 2016.

As a Connecticut resident since 2010, I have come to a realization that it is imperative to urge and advocate for safer, cleaner streets here in Connecticut. My personal experience happened in 2011 when the driver of a vehicle failed to exercise caution and yield to a bicyclist. My wife happened to be that bicyclist who was riding home from work on the shoulder of Boston Post Road in Madison, CT. She was struck by the driver who disregarded the stop sign and failed yielding to the cyclist. The multi-ton freight truck knocked my wife to the ground, ran her over with front and back tires and proceeded to drive off. Nearly 30 arduous and painful surgeries later, she is once again able to ride a bicycle. We shall forever be reminded of this horrific tragedy through chronic pain, emotional/physical scars and PTSD.

My wife and I are outdoors enthusiasts and follow the rules of the road. When cycling, we exercise caution by riding single file, keeping as far to the right as possible and following the same rules as we would if we were driving an automobile. When running or walking, we are committed to using sidewalks and crosswalks for safety.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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