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To: JudTestimony
Cc: 'bikewalkct@bikewalkct.org'; Rep. Hampton, John; Sen. Witkos, Kevin
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 cyclist I have been involved in two accidents where I had to be transported to the emergency room in an ambulance. In both cases, the vehicle(s) failed to yield to my right of way. On a daily basis, I witness drivers failing to yield the right of way or give adequate clearance to pedestrians or bicyclists. This bill will help reinforce to drivers that they truly do SHARE THE ROAD and must drive accordingly or suffer the consequences. Too many people think the roadway is for cars only and this bill will help eliminate that false assumption.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
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