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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

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.

I live in New Haven and mostly get around the city on foot or on my bike. I often see cars and trucks not yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Because this behavior is so common, most pedestrians have been trained not to assume vehicles will stop for them -- but the current situation is very dangerous. If this bill is passed, it would deter at least some reckless drivers, making the streets safer for everyone.

There are so many benefits to more people walking and biking: it is healthy, good for the environment, and reduces congestion on our roads. However if walking and biking are not safe activities, people will not do it. Accordingly, passage of this bill will have ancillary benefits beyond safety, such as improving public health, the environment, and the quality of life in our cities and towns.

Again, thank you for raising this bill and for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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