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Subject: I support HB 5403 on pedestrian & cyclist safety

To the Judiciary Committee:

I support HB 5403. We must make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists in Connecticut. GE left Connecticut because of high taxes, but chose Boston because it ranks high for public transit, walkability, and bike-ability. The next generation is also choosing to live in walkable and bike-able neighborhoods.

We can not afford to stop improving Connecticut's walk and bike scores. I was very saddened to read the recent Courant article that showed we are in the bottom half of states for pedestrian safety today.

This bill must pass, for everyone in Connecticut. My only concern is we are not doing enough, fast enough and are going to be left behind by other states.

Thank you for taking time for this important topic.

Respectfully,

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