

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

As Vice President 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.

In Frog Hollow, where I live, and in the rest of Hartford and many other areas of the state, bicycles are the only affordable means available for personal transportation. One of the things that makes our neighborhood so good is how easy and rewarding it is to live here without needing a car. Unfortunately, there are some irresponsible drivers whose behaviors endanger the lives of those of us who are more vulnerable on bikes or on foot. People who have limited transportation choices should not be put in harm's way because of a few bad drivers, especially when those without cars are making a more sustainable choice that benefits all.

HB 5403 represents progress toward a safer, more Connecticut