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Michigan House of Representatives  
Michigan House Transportation Committee  
State of Michigan  
P.O. Box 30014  
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RE: COMPLETE STREETS, H.B. 6151 and 6152

Dear Committee Members,

Representing bicycle shop owners from across the state of Michigan, we would like to voice our support for the proposed Complete Streets legislation in front of this Committee today. As small business owners we have been hit hardest by the current recession. The passage of H.B. 6151 and 6152 would be a welcomed relief – helping us to more quickly recover from this economic downturn.

Economic revitalization begins with the right infrastructure. Designing safer streets which accommodate citizens of all ages and abilities makes our cities safer and our bicycle shops more accessible.

Inadequate roadside infrastructure – streets without safe places to walk, catch a bus, or bicycle – endangers people, deterring them from walking and biking. Reducing the threat of injury and crashes will encourage more pedestrians and bicyclists to travel to retail and commercial corridors.

Safer roads and complete streets increase accessibility to our shops. Accommodating all the users of roads and ensuring that every sector of society can travel conveniently and safely will increase the amount of our potential customers.

Ultimately, Complete Streets:

- Increases residential and commercial property values
- Attracts new development
- Expands customer base
- Helps attract and maintain employees
- Reduces the time, hassle and cost of travel
- Encourages local residents to buy in their own neighborhoods

One of the number one questions customers ask us is, “Where can we safely ride our bikes?” Complete Streets is the answer to that question. It will provide a strong business environment for ourselves and a more livable community for our customers.

We strongly support H.B. 6151 and 6152. By designing roads to accommodate people of all ages and disabilities, Complete Streets can spur economic redevelopment and help small businesses like ourselves get back on our feet.

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