

June 10, 2010

Michigan House of Representatives
Michigan House Transportation Committee
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: COMPLETE STREETS, H.B. 6151 and 6152

Dear House Transportation Committee Members,

My name is Casey Dutmer. I'm totally blind, and I live in Wyoming Michigan a suburb of Grand Rapids. I would like to voice my support for H.B. 6151 and 6152, concerning Complete Streets. This legislation will affect me in many different ways.

First it would encourage me to do more walking. When there are inadequate side walks and difficult intersections to negotiate, it makes that activity at times very challenging.

Second, with accessible traffic signals and businesses and housing located closer to the side walk with parking in the back of the business or complex, I would travel more by myself and shop or maybe live in the establishes or housing that's in the area.

Third, these bills will encourage planners in individual communities to build a better public transportation system.

Finally, Complete Streets legislation will ensure more jobs with the economic development happening while the neighborhood and communities are being built.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Casey Dutmer