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

Dear Committee Members,

Please support Michigan Complete Streets legislation. The Grosse Pointes, through a grass roots effort led by the Chamber of Commerce, have initiated a comprehensive plan that effectively adopts many of the policies of Complete Streets legislation. The City of Detroit is in the process of reinventing itself as a City that will be accessible for all, which is the thrust of Complete Streets. Indeed, this year alone, Detroit will mark about 40 miles of designated bike lanes and recently opened the Dequindre Cut connector to Atwater.

House Bills 6151 and 6152 were introduced to encourage communities and road agencies to consider nonmotorized and public transit accommodations to our transportation corridors in state, regional and local planning and implementation processes as a way to create more walkable, bikeable places where children and families can be physically active.

Complete streets policies ensure that infrastructure is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities can move safely along and across a complete street. There is no prescription for what a Complete Street looks like. A Complete Street in a rural area will look different from a Complete Street in a highly urban area, but both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

Complete Streets boost the economy by increasing residential property values because homeowners are willing to pay more to live in walkable communities and businesses located along Complete Streets often see an increase in sales. **Complete Streets improve safety** and reduce crashes by providing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, such as safe crossings, sidewalks, or on-road bicycle lanes. **Complete Streets promote public health** by making it safe and convenient for children and families to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives as a way to combat the obesity epidemic.

Clearly, supporting Complete Streets is investing in a stronger and healthier Michigan. I urge you to vote in favor of the Michigan Complete Streets Bills. Together we can create a more vibrant Michigan.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Roach