

# *Lane County Medical Society*

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Representative Caddy McKeown  
House Committee on Transportation Policy  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2667

Dear Chair McKeown and Members of the Transportation Policy Committee:

The Lane County Medical Society is pleased to support HB 2667, the Vision Zero Task Force. Our member-physicians share the concerns regarding road traffic accidents and safety. Oregonians suffered over 35,000 injuries in traffic accidents in 2014, and over 350 people died. That number recently got worse, as 489 people died in 2016 from traffic accidents.

The 2014 deaths included 57 pedestrian deaths and 7 cyclists. Oregon has been a leader in human powered transportation for decades. Our physicians encourage their patients to reduce their health risks through exercise. This bill would facilitate those healthy choices by promoting safe design and driving behavior.

I was pleased to attend a recent presentation by the Eugene City Traffic Engineer. He recently returned from a study trip to Sweden and Denmark to study their astounding success in reducing deaths and injuries from traffic accidents. We hope that this bill will enable like-minded engineers and representatives from different constituencies to spread those ideas and find concrete ways to adopt them in Oregon.

We urge you to support HB 2667.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director