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Dear Members of the Committee--

To go places in Eugene, where I live, I mostly walk. I walk rain or shine; I've walked in snow more than one winter here. But it's not weather that makes me think twice about walking, it's automobile drivers. Drivers on their phones, drivers rolling through stop signs, drivers turning without looking. Drunk drivers. They don't stop me -- and will not stop me -- but I would love to be able to stop or ameliorate their bad behaviors!

I can't just assign blame to people, though. I think our transportation system is unsafe. Threats and crashes and deaths and injuries due to traffic are preventable short-term and long-term -- just like other public hazards such as diseases that we prevent with vaccines, or environmental threats that we respond to.

I recently finished the second of two consecutive two-year terms on Eugene's Active Transportation Committee, formerly known as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. We tabled at many civic events, and I had the same conversation with citizens over and over. People didn't know that every corner is a crosswalk. There are only a dozen or so Committee members. We can't get the word out all on our own.

Please pass the Vision Zero Bill. Vision Zero calls for us to be proactive, to identify risk and take steps to prevent injuries by designing our transportation system in a way that bad judgments or mistakes are much less likely to result in fatal or serious injury.

I am passionate about safe streets and I want Eugene, and Oregon, to work toward a safer roadway network. Please vote Yes on HB 2667.

Thank you for your service.

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