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TO: House Committee on Transportation Policy
FROM: Shane MacRhodes
Date: Feb. 14, 2017
SUBJECT: HB 2667, Establishes Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving Zero Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities

Dear Chair Rep. Caddy McKeown and members of the committee,

As a parent to three young children (a daughter age 7 and twin boys age 6) our life is filled with lots of activity; from school and home life to ballet, free play, camps, play dates, and more. As a family we have committed to living a sustainable life, caring for our community and our planet. One of the ways we do this is by owning one car and walking, biking, and busing as much as we can. So for us it's very important that we, and our whole community, have safe ways to get around using all of those modes. We NEED a transportation system that has good crossings, sidewalks, cycle tracks and multi-use paths that are comfortable and safe for everyone.

Even in a city like Eugene that has done some work to make the streets better for more users we still have friends who have been injured and even killed in crashes that could have been avoided through better designed and built streets. We want to bike, walk, and bus more but it simply isn't comfortable or safe enough even for us (very experienced users) in many locations. We have friends who would like to walk, bike, skate or ride the bus more but simply don't feel safe doing so because of the way our streets make it easy for people to drive too fast or too dangerously. We HAVE to build a better system that makes it easier for people to choose to NOT to drive as often and to choose healthy active ways to move around our cities.

To get to that point we have to address the root of the problem and Vision Zero has helped communities around the country and the world look at ways to make our streets safer for everyone.

We have to make our streets safer now. These crashes, injuries, and deaths ARE preventable. The health of our communities demands we do something to stop this and make our streets safer NOW. Enough is enough. **Vote yes on HB 2667.**

Sincerely,

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