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Dear Members of the Joint Committee On Transportation,

We are writing to you to submit our public support for House Bill 2682.

Back in November 2017, 31-year-old Jonathan Chase Adams was killed while bicycle commuting to work by a FedEx semi-truck driver at the intersection of NW Wall and Hill Streets in Bend. Because of legal ambiguities, the Bend Police Department declined to cite the driver. Later, after Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel took the unusual step of issuing a traffic citation, Deschutes County Circuit Court Judge A. Michael Adler found that bike lanes do not continue through intersections and threw out the ticket.

Judge Adler's decision leaves our members with loads of questions. This ruling suggests that drivers have no obligation to yield to cyclists in intersections. Does it mean that those who choose to cycle to work must take the lane at every intersection since the legal protection of the bike lane disappears? Does it imply that cyclists must do the same at every driveway to stay safe?

We strongly urge you to pass HB 2682 out of committee without amendments. It will create a common-sense-level of legal clarity to the definition of a bike lane for all roadway users as well as local law enforcement.

Thanks for your consideration.

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