



My name is Dr. Susan Kubota and I come before you today to ask you to support House Bill 2682. My niece, Tracey Sparling, a salutatorian graduate of West Salem High was an industrious, beautiful, creative, bubbly young woman working two jobs while studying at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She chose to ride a bike to commute to work and class in downtown Portland. On October 11, 2007 Tracey was on her bicycle stopped at a red light in the bike lane on 14th and Burnside. When the light turned green she rode ahead while the cement truck to her left turned right. My 100 pound niece was crushed by the truck. Witnesses sitting at window table of the Crystal ballroom ran out and reached her in time to hold her hand as she took her last breath. Tracey had such a promising future and we've been cheated by a life cut short.

House bill 2682 merely clarifies current Oregon state statutes.

In the absence of legal consistency we are left with a confusion at intersections that has dire consequences.

Thank you for your time and please support House Bill 2682.