

Hi, I'm writing to voice my support for the "Idaho stop" law. I'm going to list a few of the reasons why I feel this bill should pass:

- Bicyclists have a completely unobstructed view vs motorists who have a blindspot due to the front pillars of their vehicles and therefore can quickly assess if it's safe to proceed through an intersection, even while moving. Due to front pillar blindspots, a driver can only assess this once actually fully stopped.

- Being powered by physical work, it makes sense for a bicyclist to keep some momentum through an intersection if safe to do so.

- It's safest for bicyclists to move through intersections quickly due to distracted drivers and rear end collision danger.

- Bicyclists (and drivers) already roll through intersections when safe. Note that it's not actually safe for a driver to roll through an intersection due to the front pillar blindspots. Making this law would bring clarity to what is currently an illegal but safe practice.

- With a climate catastrophe on the horizon, this law will help get more people out on bikes at a time we need to be cutting fossil fuel consumption. It also keeps people in shape, reducing healthcare costs, and saves money that can be spent in the local economy instead of on autos and fuel.

Thank you and I look forward to the passage of this bill,
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