

Greetings, I'd like to voice my support for SB 998, aka the Idaho Stop law for bicycle users. Research, studies, and all available data point to no significant changes to overall public safety before vs. after implementation in Idaho and other municipalities. The law merely puts legal backing to what is already common practice, and makes one form of transportation easier and more efficient. The law does NOT explicitly allow bicycle users to blatantly run stop signs, but does allow for an easier way to get around after establishing a safe environment to do so. Comments against this law scapegoat one group of road users while ignoring another group that is, by far, the more dangerous user group. Last year in America, nearly 40,000 people died as a result of motor vehicle collisions. 0 drivers died because someone on a bicycle hit them, and the number of pedestrians killed by bicycle can be counted on one hand. Instead of putting up barriers to safe, clean, efficient, and healthy ways of getting about, let's make it easier.

Thanks,
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