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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

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Dear committee members,

I previously submitted testimony on Feb 20th, before I led my first Bike Bus. Since then, I started a Bike Bus at my children's elementary school, which ran every week, and will pick back up in August.

On each Bike Bus day, congestion and traffic in front of the school \*vanished.\*

The Bike Bus led to a pre-summer 'bike swap' where we were able to connect 25 kids with lovingly-used bikes from the community.

Our Bike Bus activated parents who hadn't ridden a bike in 20 years, who now bike with their kids instead of driving or bussing.

This bill is already popular so I don't need to tell you why it's important why this passes, but I will tell you why it needs to get out of committee TODAY.

Our bike bus leaders probably won't continue leading when their kids get out of elementary school. We need to capitalize on their expertise as soon as possible- we cannot wait another several years to figure out how to scale this. If we miss this opportunity, we miss basically a generation of leaders who won't be around.