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Thank you for hearing my testimony. My daughter attends Alameda School in Portland, Oregon. We are California transplants and for the first time in our lives, are riding bikes as a mode of transportation rather than only for leisure or fun. We have found a new sense of freedom and avenue for health and fitness through riding our bicycles to and from school, and opt to do so whenever we can in lieu of driving or taking the school bus. While I know busses and vans are still a necessity for the mobility of many students at our school and those around the city and state, I do see a huge value in allocating some of the transportation funds to other modes of transportation such as walking and riding, especially in the wake of the driver shortage which leaves many families without options. Funding crossing guards, creating more safe walking and riding paths, and supplying students with bikes and helmets will support schools that want to create Bike Busses and Walking School Busses a permanent fixture for their communities. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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