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RE: Senate Resolution 1805

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of SR 1805. My name is Scott Dreiling and I am President of MiCo Velo Cycling Club in Miami County. The mission of MiCo Velo is to promote bicycling as a sport, an alternative means of transportation, a safe and fun way to exercise in all of Miami County and its communities. Currently, we hold group rides and events, are working with our local schools on a bicycle and pedestrian safety curriculum, have plans for hosting clinics and safety trainings and are working with a local taskforce in Paola. This taskforce was recently formed by members of the city council and other community residents to plan and develop pedestrian/cycling trails in our parks, bike lanes and routes on our roads, and to promote pedestrian and cycling use in our community.

In the smaller, more rural communities we serve and live in, connectivity is critical to overall neighborhood health and sustainability. Livable streets – sometimes referred to as complete streets – are roadways designed to allow for safe and convenient travel by all users, including motor vehicles, pedestrians (including those with disabilities), transit vehicles and bicyclists. By making roads more accessible for all modes of transportation, livable streets provide safe and convenient travel for persons of all ages and abilities, including children and the elderly. Livable streets encourage active living, promote good health, provide economic benefits, make neighborhoods healthier and provide safer streets.

Since safe and livable bicycle, pedestrian and transit systems are important to the economy and economic development of Kansas, we would encourage the Kansas Senate to declare support for livable streets policies and urge their adoption at the local, metropolitan, regional, state and national levels.

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