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Senate Transportation Committee

Written Testimony in Support of SR 1805

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

During last year's legislative session our organization came before you in support of 3-Foot passing legislation for bicycles. We thank you for your support in the successful passing of this legislation.

Once again we come before you; this time is support of SR 1805. We would like to see the time come when the livable/complete street concept is the rule and not the exception. We feel that it is important for all people to have safe passage on our thoroughfares whether they are a bicyclist, pedestrian, user of mass transit or drivers of private or commercial vehicles.

A number of Kansas cities and communities have already adopted livable/complete streets policies including Topeka. We look to the State of Kansas for their continued support of this concept and to be a leader in its implementation in many other Kansas communities. We also ask that you urge other government bodies to also support this concept at the local, state and national levels. In an era where obesity, heart and lung disease are at highs it only makes sense for Kansas to facilitate a healthy alternative transportation whether it be bicycling or walking. Further this concept will reduce our impact on the environment by reducing vehicular traffic and facilitating mass transit across Kansas.

Heath Glenn

President

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