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Members, Senate Transportation Committee  
Washington State Legislature  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of the statewide [Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition](http://www.copcwa.org) where we are always on the lookout for policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are in support of **SB 6227** and was pleased to be able to provide testimony at the hearing earlier today.

We need **all** sectors of our society to engage in building healthier communities. How we develop transportation policy has a direct impact on individual behavior. Creating safer streets through this bill will make walking and biking more attractive – a great example of making the healthy choice easier in our state.

Our current Distracted Driving laws sorely need updating. Providing our traffic safety community with 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to combat our explosive and dynamic communications technology is part of the healthy communities toolbox.

We need solutions that can calibrate a traffic safety system that encourages use of our roads works for everyone, including *walkers and bikers*. **SB 6227** can improve both public health and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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