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Senate Transportation Committee Members  
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 5724**.

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. Stronger support of our Safe Routes to School program is a great example of making the healthy choice easier in our state. Did you know that biking or walking just one mile is equivalent to 2/3 of the recommended daily 60 minutes of physical activity?

Filling the unmet need for Safe Routes to School projects statewide result in multiple benefits:

- Regular physical activity is achieved via biking and walking to school
- Kids who walk to school are more alert, eager and ready to learn
- Streets are safer when more people walk and bike on them
- Reduced transportation costs — both for parents and school districts

**SB 5724** can improve both public health and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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