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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 the suite of bills that constitute the **transportation revenue package**. Our 50 members wanted to thank the Senate leadership for their bipartisan efforts to construct a transportation revenue package that calls out active transportation as specific line items to be funded

The positive aspects of daily physical activity – especially for our young people – are good for the individual and good for our state.

- ✓ Did you know that that biking or walking just one mile is equivalent to 2/3 of the recommended daily 60 minutes of physical activity?
- ✓ Research now tells us that healthier kids are more alert, eager and ready to learn.

We would also like to share recent poll data about one aspect of active transportation – Safe Routes to School (SRTS):

- ✓ The vast majority (87%) of WA State voters agree every child deserves to bike or walk to school on a safe route.
- ✓ 84 percent of voters think SRTS should be part of State transportation spending.
- ✓ Two-thirds of voters are more likely to support additional transportation funds if some were used to expand SRTS statewide.

Please support healthy kids and communities by maintaining your strong focus on active transportation in this new revenue package. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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