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House 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 **HB 1256**.

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 – one tangible way to making the healthier choice easier in our state.

Updating our current Distracted Driving laws to protect our children that are near schools, playgrounds and crosswalks is sound public policy. We also appreciate that a significant portion of the new revenues are earmarked for the School Zone Safety Account.

We need solutions that will further develop a traffic safety system that encourages use of our roads that works for all users, including *walkers and bikers*. **HB 1256** can improve both public health and safety. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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