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House 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) which advances policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are in support of **HB 1723**, heard in your committee on Feb. 18.

We need **all** sectors of our society to engage in building healthier communities, including the transportation sector. One way to encourage our population to move more is to ensure that our roads are safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. This retooled advisory council will serve a pivotal role in sorting critical data and offering recommendations that can improve the health and safety for all road users.

Because of the importance of keeping a health and safety lens on active transportation issues, we would recommend an amendment – to add a representative from the state Department of Health to be explicitly added as a named Council member.

We need to be intentional about creating opportunities to improve non-motorist health and safety across our state. **HB 1723** can be an important tool in that process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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