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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) which advances policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are in support of **SB 5723**, 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 enlist our population to move more is to ensure that our roads are safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. While basic encouragement and education to our citizens to walk and bike is useful, what is even more impactful is to create physical (built) environments that strive to “level the playing field” and make our roads safe for all users.

We need to be intentional about identifying and creating opportunities to improve our built environment across our state. **SB 5723** can be an important tool in that process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victor Colman'.

Victor Colman, Director
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