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Please support Senate Bill 558. Bend is a city that is growing rapidly with densely populated areas all over the city. Speed limits set in residential areas in the past are higher than what is safe for pedestrians and bicycles. These areas that were rural in the past are now well within the city limits. Setting lower speed limits will help to create safer environments for people choosing to get around the city no matter what mode of travel they choose. City governments need to have the authority to instigate a safer city through reduced car traffic speeds. Citizen requests can steer the Bend council to recommend and initiate lower speed limits. Senate Bill 558 will give more weight to the decisions to follow through.

We have a citizen within Mountainview Neighborhood Association who has received a city-funded grant to bring attention to slower, safer speeds with the "please slow down, it's our town" effort. Having this Senate Bill 558 empowering Bend to slow traffic down will greatly impact any effort to bring safer speeds to our community.

Respectfully,

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