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To:	JCT Exhibits; Sen Gelser
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I transport myself on two wheels regularly. I help others learn how to ride safely and confidently. There is no greater factor than excessive speed to lower the confidence of my students.

You are considering a bill to allow local citizens the privilege of governing our own residential streets. The state has an interest in the efficient movement of goods and people across Oregon. That interest should end when lives are at stake. No longer should it supersede the local interest in the safety of people walking, riding a bike or pushing a wheelchair in our own neighborhoods.

Please move SB 558 forward after your hearing today. Thank you.

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See you at the annual Corvallis Ride of Silence! 5/15/2019 6:30 pm from Osborn Aquatic Center

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> *"Why direct action, why sit-ins, marches, and so forth? Isn't negotiation a better path?" You are exactly right in your call for negotiation. Indeed, this is the purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has consistently refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored. ....we must see the need of having nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men to rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood.*
> -Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, 1963