

As a cyclist and more importantly a healthcare provider (I am an inpatient trauma and brain injury physical therapist at Riverbend hospital), I urgently request that you pass Senate Bill 998 to allow cyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs.

This same law has been effective in Idaho since 1982, and a study (you can find on this page: <https://bikeportland.org/2019/06/21/the-idaho-stop-lite-bill-needs-your-help-this-weekend-to-get-over-the-finish-line-301557>) has shown the law to be safe and not increase accidents or injury.

Personally, that is obviously important when I commute to work on my bike, but it is even more important to me professionally. When we see (and treat for weeks to months) our patients with trauma and brain injuries who are hit by cars while on their bike, it is a devastating and permanently life-altering event. This law could help encourage the use of side streets more where yielding at stop signs would be easier, thus reducing the number of possible accidents (that usually occur on busier streets with more cars).

We call summer 'trauma season' at work, and I hope this season will have a lot less patients being hit on their bikes because they can safely and efficiently move through intersections like they have been doing in Idaho for over 30 years.

Thank you,  
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