

Hello,

My name is Wendy Byrne and I am a resident of Corvallis. I am also a cyclist and a driver and involved in the active transportation community in Corvallis. I belong to a local nonprofit called Corvallis Right of Way, which has a mission of improving safety for all roadway users. Corvallis Right of Way uses data and statistics to help determine the best ways to improve safety. We avoid falling prey to emotional reactions or hearsay, preferring to use facts to help us promote safety.

After educating myself about the use of the Idaho Stop in Idaho, it is plain to see that this law has made riders of bicycles more safe in Idaho. The ease with which this bill passed in the Senate, by a vote of 21 to 8, shows that the state senators also felt this bill useful.

Please do not listen to the alarmists who shriek that the passage of this bill will allow cyclists to endanger themselves and others on our roads. Law abiding cyclists will only benefit from this bill as it will allow them to keep further away from dangerous interactions with drivers on our roadways.

We need to continue every effort possible to encourage more people to get out of their cars and onto their bicycles. This bill is a step in the right direction.

I urge you to get senate bill 998 out of committee into the house floor for a vote as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
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