

Hello,

I would like to express my support for Senate Bill 998, otherwise known as the "Idaho Stop" bill.

I cycle four days per week to work and the remaining for pleasure. Breaking forward momentum for stop signs when I have right-of-way presents what I consider an unnecessary step in remaining compliant to traffic laws in this state.

From my experience cycling in this state, many motorist already expect cyclists to not come to a complete stop at stop signs, sometimes acting seemingly surprised when they do.

Unnecessarily stopping also presents unneeded physical strain, especially when it occurs on an upward incline. As a user of clipless pedals (a type of pedal that locks one's shoes) I have found unnecessary stops have made inner-city cycling more difficult than needed, as I am forced to reconnect my shoes to my pedals constantly, sometimes not able to do so without slowing the flow of traffic.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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