

I am writing to express my support for SB998, the so-called "Idaho stop."

Though it seems counter-intuitive, a cyclist treating a stop sign as yield signs is actually safer than coming to a complete stop so that the cyclist's momentum can more quickly carry them across a street and out of the path of vehicles. It does not absolve cyclists from their responsibility to make sure that it is safe to yield nor does it give them carte blanche to ignore other traffic signals, but it's a minor change in the law that will reduce the possibility of collisions between vehicles and cyclists.

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