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I'm a parent of two young kids, and my mother-in-law lives down the street from us. We need safety-focused public transit, sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, and crosswalks. We want to create vibrant, resilient neighborhoods where people can live, work, and play without fear.

For my kids, it would mean they can play and gain independence and confidence moving through their city. They would naturally get exercise, providing mental, physical, social, and health benefits and benefit their academic progress. As a society, we bemoan the increase in children's obesity and screen time, but it's often stressful and dangerous to give kids freedom to go outside to let them naturally play. A safe transportation system is part of the cure for that.

For my mother-in-law, safe walking, rolling, and easy public transit will allow her to age with dignity and meet her transportation needs if she is no longer able to drive at some point. She is at an age where she is slowing down, and she needs safe infrastructure that will protect her from careless, law-breaking drivers.