



May 7th, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson
268 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Thompson,

We, the undersigned organizations, would like to thank you for your leadership with the Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Active Transportation Safety Act (H.R. 2011) and demonstrating your support for legislation that advances the safety of not only bicyclists and pedestrians, but entire communities. As Vulnerable Road User fatalities have risen to an all time high since 1975, we must continue the critical work toward ensuring that everyone, no matter how they travel, gets home safely.

The Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Active Transportation Safety Act, will directly help address unnecessary roadway fatalities. Through the summer of 2022, Sarah was a U.S. diplomat serving in Ukraine, until she was evacuated for her safety. Tragically, not even a month after returning home to Bethesda, Maryland she was hit and killed by the driver of a large truck as she was biking home from her children's elementary school.

To survive a warzone and then be killed so close to our nation's capital, Sarah's death was a true wake up call and has highlighted the need to address the infrastructure and safety failures that have led to the intolerably high number of bicyclist and pedestrian deaths on our roads. Sarah's death highlights the dangerous gaps in safe transportation networks for bicyclists, pedestrians, and people using mobility devices like wheelchairs. This bill, named in her honor, will increase states' flexibility to address these deadly gaps in biking and walking networks by expanding the list of eligible projects on which states may use their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) dollars to meet the "local match" as a part of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Sarah's death was preventable. We are too late for Sarah, but we can ensure another family doesn't lose their mom, their wife, their sister, their daughter. As traffic violence has steadily increased within the United States, we want to thank you for supporting this bill as it is a step in

the right direction toward safer roads and communities for everyone. May her life and service be recognized and remembered through this incredible bill that will save countless lives.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting this critical legislation that will help make our roads safer and help ensure that we all get home safe, no matter how we travel. We hope you will include the bill in your list of priorities for the next transportation reauthorization due at the end of the month.

We so appreciate your leadership of the Congressional Bicycle Caucus, as well as Tyler's help! We look forward to working with you in the future.

Take Care and Ride Safe,

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