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RE: AB 122

Dear Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Friedman:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), I am asking you to vote in support of AB 122 to change the Vehicle Code to require bicyclists approaching a STOP sign to slow to a reasonable speed, yield to other traffic, and then proceed through the intersection without coming to a complete stop.

Reforming existing law would decriminalize behavior that is safe (performed millions of times a day by cyclists across the country). It would limit arbitrary and sometimes discriminatory enforcement. It would promote bicycling, and in my opinion, create a cultural change amongst the general public and political decision-makers by changing “scofflaw” bicyclists into respectable law-abiders.

Thank you so much for making cycling safer and more accessible in California. This is important for the health and well-being of California residents and will help meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Respectfully,

Susan Doherty, Chair
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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