

Subject Line: Co-Sponsor HB 282

Hi XXXX (Insert your representative here - [to look up your contact information for your representative, go here](#)),

My name is XXXX and I live in your North Carolina House District.

I am reaching out to you all with particular interest in bringing [becoming a co-sponsor of HB-282 into your current legislative session](#).

The STI law implemented through North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Strategic Prioritization Process and the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) does not currently fund Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure projects as stand alone projects.

This is a massive loss to our climate goals as a state. As a _____ (insert why this bill is important to you).

Bicycle and Pedestrian safety trends in North Carolina indicate that deaths and injuries are rising, and are occurring on roads where people are trying to cross at mid-block areas where there is no signalization for bicycles and pedestrians; projects that are typically ineligible to be prioritized for state transportation investment ([see slides 4-10 of NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division \(IMD\) Multimodal Update Webinar in Q1 of 2023](#)).

[There are 263 trail projects in 52 counties across North Carolina that are investment -ready.](#) The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) [Great State Trails Plan](#) identifies future projects in all 100 North Carolina counties, and [the Institute for Transportation Research and Education \(ITRE\)](#) housed at NC State indicates that for every \$1 of trail construction supports \$1.72 annually from local business revenue, sales tax revenue, and benefits to health and transportation. More graphics and summaries on the research [can be found here](#).

Thank you for your time and consideration,

YOUR NAME HERE.