



Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association
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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

The Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association (OCOMA), comprised of over 800 osteopathic physicians practicing in Oakland County, is in full support of the bicycle safety package placed before this committee. Collectively, these bills protect vulnerable roadway users, create clear standards for how to safely pass a bicyclist, and improve driver's education in Michigan by putting a greater emphasis on bicycle safety. As Osteopathic physicians, we see firsthand the results of careless driving and its effects on our bicycling patients all too often. Our association believes that this set of bills is a great initiative to make the roads safer for our communities.

On June 7, 2016, tragedy struck the Kalamazoo area. An out of control driver struck down nine experienced cyclists. Bicycle injuries are far too common, as we witness in our emergency rooms as physician's, and we understand that no law will completely protect public safety. However, OCOMA feels that these bills are a start in providing a safer riding environment for our patients and their family members who ride.

Our association urges you to support Senate Bills 1029 and 1030 and House Bills 5002, 5003 and 5004, as well as ongoing legislative efforts to improve driver education in Michigan. These bills safeguard vulnerable roadway users including bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users, creating standards for safe passing by vehicles.

The Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association is encouraged at the amount of public support for these bills and the support among the legislators. Thank you in advance for your leadership in supporting these bills that will help prevent senseless tragedies in the future.

Sincerely,

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