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Senator Stephen Sweeney
Senator Paul Sarlo
Senator Nia Gill
Senator Steven Oroho
Senator Patrick Diegnan
Senator Brian Stack
Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro
Assemblyman Raj Mukherji
Assemblyman Nicholas Chiaravalloti
Assemblywoman Angela McKnight
Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle
Assemblywoman Angelica Jimenez
Assemblyman Tim Eustace
Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCrocce
Assemblyman Thomas Giblin
Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin
Assemblyman John Wisniewski

Dear Senators, Assemblymen and Assemblywomen,

On behalf of all New Jersey residents who travel on foot or by bicycle, we wish to express our sincere gratitude at the efforts all of you made to ensure the passing into law of A4165/S2894 – *Requires driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include cyclist and pedestrian safety information.* We view this as an important start to safer roads throughout the state. With the high percentage of road deaths occurring to those walking and riding a bicycle, it is imperative that we continue to work together to bring about policy changes that make our roads safer for everyone. There is research to support that when the safety needs of pedestrians and of bike riders, including those in underserved communities, are designed into our street infrastructure and included in our transportation policy decisions, everyone benefits: the number of total traffic crashes and fatalities is reduced. Further, the economic benefits of making our towns more walk and bike friendly are substantial, as are the health and environmental benefits. Lastly, biking and walking as first mile/last mile connections to mass transit reduce congestion and enable more people to use our mass transit system, which is a far more efficient mode of travel than single occupancy vehicles.

We look forward to working together to further additional legislation in the 2018-2019 session and under the new gubernatorial administration.

Sincerely,

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Bill Nesper, Executive Director, League of American Bicyclists

Cyndi Steiner, Executive Director, NJ Bike & Walk Coalition