



The unified voice for active living, promoting a healthy, safe and accessible outdoor experience for all in a vibrant, engaged community.

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RE: Senate Resolution 1805

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of SR 1805. My name is Eric Rogers and I am Executive Director BikeWalkKC. We represent bicyclists and pedestrians in the Greater Kansas City area, including many thousands of Kansans. BikeWalkKC works to make our communities safer and healthier by promoting bicycling and walking for transportation, recreation, and fitness.

We believe bicycling and walking are simple solutions for some of this state's most pressing challenges in the areas of health, transportation, safety, and economy. Unfortunately Kansas ranks too high for public health crises like obesity, heart disease, and childhood diabetes – conditions that are all influenced by lack of opportunities for safe physical activity. And it's not just an issue in the metropolitan area we serve. Rural residents are often more likely to face these challenges than urban residents. Livable streets improve public health.

In today's competitive economy, the talented and creative workforce in demand by successful businesses demand vibrant communities with high quality options for bicycling, walking and transit. Livable streets are increasingly an essential recruitment tool alongside good schools, safe communities, and well-maintain infrastructure. Livable streets are good for business.

Livable streets are important for the health, safety, and economic development of Kansas. We urge the Senate to declare support for livable streets policies and encourage their adoption the local, regional, state, and national levels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric D. Rogers" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Rogers  
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