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To: The House Committee on Transportation

Support for Pouech Amendment to S.123

Dear House Transportation Committee Member,

Please advance the Pouech amendment to the DMV bill. These changes will make people on bikes safer on Vermont's streets and roads by allowing people on bikes to proceed through intersections more efficiently and with reduced conflict with motor vehicles.

Stop-as-yield will allow people on bikes to cautiously roll through stop signs when there is no other traffic present at a stop-controlled intersection. Bike use of pedestrian signals allows people on bikes to advance during the pedestrian crossing phase at a signalized intersection.

As a member of Burlington's Walk and Bike Council, this is a common topic of conversation. The data suggests that this actually reduces traffic crashes and the heart suggests that this is effectively how people are biking anyway. In a time when we are trying to reduce our dependence on vehicles, anything we can do to make alternatives more attractive is necessary. Advance the Pouech amendment to the DMV bill and help us take a small step towards reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Best Regards,
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