

**From:** Jack Evans

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**To:** The House Committee on Transportation

Support for Pouech Amendment to S.123 for Safer Biking

Dear House Transportation Committee Members,

I urge you to advance the Pouech amendment to the DMV bill. The changes proposed in this amendment will significantly improve safety for people who bike by allowing them to navigate intersections when it is safest for them, reducing their risk of conflict with cars.

The “stop-as-yield” provision reflects a common, intuitive behavior that many bicyclists already practice because it enhances safety. Legalizing this practice would reduce confusion at intersections, improve predictability for all road users, and potentially lower crash rates. This benefit extends to bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

Additionally, allowing “bike use of pedestrian signals” is a meaningful step toward protecting vulnerable road users. I’ve personally experienced the value of this change since it was implemented in Burlington. Being able to use the pedestrian signal gives me a head start at intersections, separating me from cars that might not see me—or may be distracted or unprepared for my presence in the bike lane. It has made a tangible difference in my confidence and safety when commuting to work or running errands by bike.

Please support the Pouech amendment and take this opportunity to make Vermont’s roads safer and more accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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