

Freedom. That's what a bicycle is. As a child living in town, when you get your first bike, your entire world has just expanded. You can bike down the hill to the local pool with your brother or bike across town to visit your friends. One of the best sightings is driving by a house in the summer and seeing a smattering of bikes on the lawn - a meeting of 10 year-olds. Are you prepared to create and maintain bicycle lanes on every single street in our small town and then some?

Freedom. That's what a bicycle is. For years I witnessed my dentist ride his bike to and from work on route 3 from Lancaster to Whitefield, not because he didn't have a car. He did. But he rode his bicycle to and from work because he was health conscious and enjoyed the exercise. Riding a bike keeps us fit and healthy. Are you prepared to create and maintain bicycle lanes on Route 3 (which would necessitate widening it, of course) throughout the length of the state?

Freedom. That's what a bicycle is. Parking at Pondicherry parking lot and biking to and from Big Day Brewing in Gorham on the Presidential Rail Trail. This is outdoor recreation at its best - breathing in fresh air, using my muscles, working up a sweat, and in the end enjoying lunch while supporting a local business. Are you prepared to pay for a bike patrol on the bike bath from dawn to dusk?

Freedom. Isn't that what all of the Republicans and Libertarians are preaching? It is obvious that this Bill was dreamed up by an individual who felt, in some weird way, threatened by bicyclists, which is odd since I don't know how many motorists are killed each year by being hit by a bicyclist. Stop nickeling and diming citizens of NH and just let us enjoy our bikes freely!

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