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Dear Thomas Walsh, Gregory Hill, and Ted Gorski,

I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 1703. All my life my fellow citizens and I have been free to ride our bicycles so long as we comply with traffic laws. Now you seek to turn something that is free into a privilege that requires an annual fee. That alone should be enough to kill this bill in the Live Free or Die state.

If enacted, affordable gifts of bicycles often given to children would then have a recurring fee. Imagine having to pay over and over again for your children to ride their bikes, or to ride with them. A family of four, riding together, would require \$200 a year. This free staple of family life would be locked behind a paywall. Why should it be? Bicycles cause no damage to the roadways.

If enacted, the bill would also have a disproportionate impact on poor adults who cannot afford to drive a car. It would also discourage the healthy exercise that comes with riding to wherever you want to go. Would you attach a fee to people's attempts to be healthy?

Thank you for reading my letter. Do the right thing and kill this bill in committee.

Sincerely,

Steven Reynolds