

April 15, 2026

Re: Endorsement of the Magnus White and Safe Streets for Everyone Act of 2026

At one time or another, everyone is a vulnerable road user (VRU), lacking the safety infrastructure of vehicles and thus at higher risk of injury and death in collisions with vehicles. Available vehicle safety technologies that mitigate or prevent injuries and fatalities with VRUs are an essential pillar of the Safe System Approach (SSA) and should be required in new vehicles supported by performance standards.

In 2024, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) took a big step forward for safety when it issued a Final Rule for automatic emergency braking (AEB) that detects and responds to certain vehicles and pedestrians, or PAEB. Legislation offered by Reps. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) and Joe Neguse (D-CO), the Magnus White and Safe Streets for Everyone Act of 2026, H.R. 7353, will extend AEB protections to bicycle and motorcycle riders and other VRUs and ensure that the technology performs as needed.

Research supports this approach. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, equipping all cars, pickup trucks, vans, minivans and SUVs with forward collision warning (FCW)/AEB which respond to pedestrians/bicyclists as well as vehicles could prevent 1.9 million crashes, nearly 900,000 injuries, and more than 4,700 deaths annually.ⁱ NHTSA's own Final Rule, which addresses PAEB, estimated it will save 362 lives and mitigate over 24,000 injuries annually. It is estimated to result in a yearly cost benefit of between \$5.8-\$7.2 billion.ⁱⁱ

The undersigned organizations support the Magnus White and Safe Streets for Everyone Act of 2026 and urge its inclusion in the surface transportation reauthorization. In 2024, 7,080 pedestrians, 1,103 bicyclists and 6,228 motorcycle riders were killed in crashes.ⁱⁱⁱ Every road user deserves a safe trip whether inside or outside the vehicle.

Sincerely,

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AAA

Activate St. Pete (FL)

Active Transportation Alliance (IL)

Adventure Cycling Organization

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

American Motorcyclist Association

America Walks

Amica Mutual Insurance Company

American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (MD)

Bicycle Garage Indy (IN)

Bike Cleveland

Bike Delaware

BikeHouston (TX)

Bike JC (NJ)

BikeLA (CA)

Bike Maryland

Bike Pittsburgh (PA)

BikeRossmoor.org (CA)

Bike Utah

Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire

BikeWalkKC (MO & KS)

Bike Walk Nebraska

BikeWalk NC

BikeWhidbey (WA)

CalBike (CA)

California Bicycle Coalition

Center for Auto Safety

Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

Consumer Federation of America

Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety

Consumer Reports

Detroit Greenways Coalition (MI)

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

East Coast Greenway Alliance (NC)

Families for Safe Streets

Families for Safe Streets - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

GreenLatinos

Impact Teen Drivers

Just Strategy

Kids and Car Safety

League of American Bicyclists

Live Well Grand Cities (ND)

Local Motion (VT)

LVCAT - Coalition for Appropriate Transportation

Madison Bikes (WI)
Marin County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
Napa County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
National Coalition for Safer Roads
National Safety Council
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
National Association of Mutual Insurance
Companies (NAMIC)
New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition
North American Bikeshare and Scootershare
Association
OLSCCommunity Homes (LA)
Parents Against Tired Truckers
Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition (CA)
Pennsylvania Downtown Center
PeopleForBikes
Propel ATL
Pumpkinvine Trails Coalition (IN)
Reconnect Rochester (NY)
Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition

Ride for Your Life / Sarah's Basket Memorial Fund
Ride Illinois
Safe Kids Worldwide
Safe Routes Partnership
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Santa Monica Safe Streets Alliance
Santa Monica Spoke
Selective Insurance Company of America
Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets (MA)
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (CA)
Tempe Bicycle Action Group (AZ)
The Wisconsin Bike Fed
The White Line
Transit Forward Philly (PA)
Trauma Foundation
Truck Safety Coalition
Wheat Ridge District 2 (CO)
Vision Zero Network
Walk San Francisco
Washington Area Bicyclist Association (DC)
Yakima Bikes and Walks (WA)

ⁱ Benson, A., Tefft, B.C., Svancara, A.M. & Horrey, W.J., September 2018. Potential Reduction in Crashes, Injuries and Deaths from Large-Scale Deployment of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (Research Brief). Washington, D.C.: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, available at <https://aaaafoundation.org/potential-reduction-in-crashes-injuries-and-deaths-from-large-scale-deployment-of-advanced-driver-assistance-systems/>.

ⁱⁱ 89 FR 39686 (May 9, 2024); available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/NHTSA-2023-0021-1065>.

ⁱⁱⁱ Traffic Safety Facts: Research Note: Overview of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes In 2024, NHTSA, DOT HS 813 791, Apr. 2026.