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Committee Assignment
<u>Memorializing Referral -L</u>

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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Memorializing the U.S. Congress to Adopt and President George W. Bush to Sign into Law S.2686/H.R.5951, the Complete Streets Act of 2008.

Honorable Legislators:

As the current energy crisis continues to force people to seek out new modes of transportation, now more than ever it is crucial that pedestrians, bicyclists, the elderly and individuals with disabilities have access to an effective and safe transportation system.

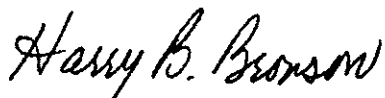
Currently before Congress is Senator Thomas Harkin's Complete Streets Act of 2008. This proposed legislation will amend the surface transportation program to require state and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to: (1) adopt a policy statement that ensures that all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users as well as children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, are able to travel safely and conveniently on streets and highways within the public right-of-way; and (2) apply such policy to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects as well as to all aspects of the transportation project development processes.

Further, this proposal requires states and MPOs to certify that each road project has been reviewed for compliance with the policy statement and enhances the safety, convenience, and accessibility for all users of the transportation system to the extent reasonably possible. Our citizens require that the basic infrastructure of our roads, sidewalks and crosswalks are not only up to code, but also that they are safely accessible to everyone who uses them.

Therefore, we ask you to join us in urging the U.S. Congress to adopt, and George W. Bush to sign into law S.2686/H.R.5951, the Complete Streets Act of 2008, and help communities support a variety of methods of transportation while also enhancing neighborhood bicycle and pedestrian traffic safety.

We also would request that upon adoption of this act, the Genesee Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, work diligently with Monroe County to develop a comprehensive and innovative policy to comply with the new Federal statute.

Respectfully submitted,



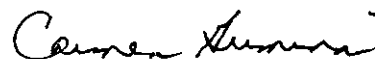
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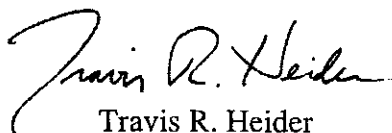
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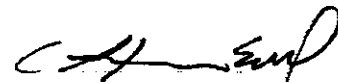
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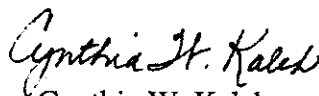
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