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Dear [legislator],

The Bicycle Access Council is seeking a sponsor and co-sponsor to introduce legislation creating a new **Pennsylvania license plate — Share-The-Road** — promoting bicycling as a legitimate mode of transportation within the Commonwealth and recognizing **Act 3 of 2012**, the newest bicycle safety legislation passed, effective April 2, 2012.

All revenue from the purchase of this new registration plate shall be designated to fund the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) central office position of Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, a position required by the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under current highway funding and to be continued under the newest reauthorization, MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century).

The Bicycle Access Council (BAC) is suggesting this to be accomplished by amending Title 75, the Vehicle Code, to add **§1366** (or other such appropriate statute number to be determined).

Further, BAC is suggesting that the amending legislation should be introduced and designated as the **Dave (David) Bachman Act** in honor of and recognition for the PennDOT employee who first held the Bike/Ped position from 1992 until November 2008 with great distinction and accomplishments throughout his service. Mister Bachman recently passed away unexpectedly while still employed at PennDOT.

Currently, the Vehicle Code permits a limited number of revenue generating registration plates that typically shares an additional fee to be used for various funds or organizations. The Bicycle Access Council is not asking to be named or included with any fee sharing. This is strictly meant to be a source of funding for PennDOT at a time when funding sources are scarce.

A number of other states have authorized Share-the-Road registration plates at this time. They are: OR, CO, WA, IA, IL, OH, TX, FL, SC, NC, KY, WV, IN, LA, TN, UT, GA, VA, MO, MD, OK.

The Pennsylvania Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PPAC) meets quarterly. The final design and language for the introduction of a Share-the-Road plate should be considered and recommended by PPAC once a bill is introduced.

Please indicate your willingness to Sponsor and support the introduction of a bill by contacting the Bicycle Access Council to inform us of your position.

Sincerely,

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