

CONGRESSMAN JOE NEGUSE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
MEMBER DAY TESTIMONY
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Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, and distinguished members of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on my legislation before your committee.

Cyclist and pedestrian deaths in the U.S. remain far too high. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data for 2022 showed cyclist deaths were the highest ever recorded, at 1,105 deaths¹. We have a real solution for these terrible and unnecessary tragedies: **the Magnus White Cyclist Safety Act (H.R.3649)**, a bill that would require all passenger vehicles to have Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) systems that can detect bicycles, motorcycles, and other vulnerable road users.

This bill is named after my constituent, Magnus White, an incredible cyclist for Team USA and exceptional young man, who was tragically killed when a driver hit him while he was on a training ride, just days before he was set to compete in the world championships. By requiring AEB systems that can detect all vulnerable road users to be installed in all vehicles, we can prevent senseless tragedies and protect everyone in our communities.

In fact, most auto manufacturers are already rolling out this technology. A company that owns multiple U.S. brands such as Dodge and Jeep just added the largest number of AEB-equipped new vehicles to its offerings.²

I have also been proud to work with your committee to pursue modifications to our disaster response and recovery efforts. I am grateful for the Committee's support for the **Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act (H.R. 744)**, which passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on voice vote earlier this year and is also included in H.R. 4669, The FEMA Act. This bill would provide additional flexibility to emergency managers responding to multiple open disasters, and remove administrative burdens on disaster recovery.

I also ask for your consideration of the **Replacing Essential Passports and Licenses After Certain Emergencies (REPLACE) Act (H.R. 1338)**. This bipartisan, bicameral bill would waive fees and streamline the process for replacing critical documents lost in a disaster, such as passports and immigration documents. In the face of a quickly approaching natural disaster and evacuation, there is not always enough time to grab these essential documents. The cost and administrative burden to replace these documents on top of other recovery needs can be overwhelming, and this is an important way we can make the process easier for families recovering from a natural disaster.

¹ <https://usa.streetsblog.org/2024/04/02/the-latest-pedestrian-and-cyclist-fatality-stats-are-deadly-deja-vu>

² <https://www.consumerreports.org/cars/car-safety/more-automakers-make-aeb-a-standard-feature-on-most-models-a2486269627/>

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to submit these priorities to the committee. I request that you consider including these bills in an upcoming legislative vehicle, or moving them as individual bills. I look forward to working with the committee on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Neguse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress