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Kalamazoo Region Bike Route Committee
C/O Mr. Paul Selden, Chair

Dear Mr. Selden,

I am a survivor of the June 7, 2016 Chain Gang Kalamazoo bike tragedy where five of my cycling friends were killed and four of us survived with serious injuries. I am also an experienced cyclist having ridden across the United States and Australia in the years preceding the accident. During my cycling adventures, I have had the opportunity to benefit from regions where road signage is well marked and placed for cyclists.

I fully support and endorse the Kalamazoo Region Bike Route Committee and its work to facilitate implementation of the Southwest Michigan Bikeway as drafted on Map 7 of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Non-motorized transportation plan. Specifically, the KRBC's sign guidelines M1-8a, which is representative of the significant stakeholders' investment to ensure widely recognized signage.

It is my hope that Kalamazoo County take advantage of the opportunity to be a leader, both regionally and throughout the state, in promoting safe cycling with implementation of KRBC's sign guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jennifer Johnson

CC: Steve Deisler, Zoning / Planning Administrator at Texas Township; sdeisler@texastownship.org