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Senator Randy Baumgardner  
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The Summit County Board of County Commissioners would like to express its strong support for Senate Bill 93, Concerning the Operation of Bicycles Entering Intersections. This bill seeks to promote the safety of cyclists and motorists by improving the flow of traffic through intersections.

Summit County and several of the Towns within this County have adopted similar laws for roads within their jurisdictions. All have found the "Idaho Stop" to be effective in reducing the exposure of cyclists to the dangers inherent to bicyclists being off their bikes at road crossings, especially within busy or high speed intersections. Adopting this as State law will also remove the current potential for confusion regarding the rules when a cyclist enters an intersection between a local road and the State Highways in Summit County.

As you are aware, bicycling is a critical element to the summer economic vitality of this resort community. Therefore, we strongly support this action to reduce congestion and potential conflicts with motor vehicles. We want to thank the Senate Transportation Committee for reviewing this straight-forward Bill to improve the health and safety of Colorado residents and guests, and we hope that we can count on your strong support for this legislation.

Please feel free to contact me, or Brian Lorch, Summit County Open Space and Trails Director at (970)668-4067 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karn Stiegelmeier  
Chair, Summit County Board of County Commissioners