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House Transportation Committee North Dakota State Capitol – Room 327 E Testimony in Support – HCR 3009 (Share the Road Safety Week)

Chairman Dan Ruby and Members of the House Transportation Committee -

House Concurrent Resolution 3009 is a continuation of a designated safety week intended to promote transportation safety for all users of North Dakota's roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and trails. Because each concurrent resolution is statement made by that legislative assembly, this designation must be renewed each session.

Share the Road Safety Week was established in 2015 at the suggestion of Red River Valley families following unfortunate incidents that led to bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities. Since then, the third week in June has regularly been celebrated as North Dakota's *Share the Road Safety Week*.

HCR 3009 seeks to make one modification to the week – at the request of pedestrian and cycling advocates who regularly use this designation to promote safe commuting practices. At the risk of speaking on their behalf, the second week in May was requested due to the warming weather and dramatic increase in pedestrian / cycling activity during the earliest weeks of spring.

Adoption of HCR 3009 is a simple, yet powerful tool for local associations, NDDOT, nonprofits, and schools to incorporate road and transportation safety into their spring programming. There is no cost nor binding action associated with the passage of this resolution.

Thank you again, Committee Members, for your dedication to transportation policy and safety education.