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Governor Ted Strickland  
Governor's Office  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Dear Governor Strickland:

I am writing to convey my support for providing a cycling and pedestrian lane on the proposed I-90/71 bridge and disagree with the decision of the Ohio Department of Transportation not to incorporate one into their plan. As ODOT proceeds through design and contracting, there are still chances to fix this. A bike and pedestrian lane can be a dramatic, beautiful, healthy and practical connection to downtown Cleveland and a wonderful new asset for Cleveland residents and visitors.

I live and ride or walk in Cleveland Heights. Providing cyclist and pedestrian access to the bridge is the right thing to do.

ODOT's "old mindset" -- focusing on cars, not people -- is costing "New" Ohio money and opportunity. The new bridge should be available for all residents, not just those driving to or through downtown Cleveland.

25% of Cleveland households do not own a car -- 30% of Tremont households, 65% of Central households and 42% of Downtown households, yet ODOT is proposing its biggest highway investment ever. Bicycles account for 10% of trips, 13% of fatalities, but only 1% of federal funding. ODOT is sacrificing pedestrian and cyclist safety and health, though they are lawfully on the road, for the benefit of motor vehicle traffic.

Sincerely,

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