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Dear Drs. Frieden, Breyse and Buchanan,

The undersigned 130 national, state and local organizations understand the critical impact that transportation and the built environment have on the health of Americans. We respectfully request that you provide continued funding in FY2016 to the National Center for Environmental Health's Healthy Community Design Initiative (HCDI) at its current level of \$2.8 million.

The choices we make about land use, transportation options and the built environment affect levels of physical activity, air quality and traffic pollution, traffic crashes, access to health care and healthy foods, community violence and much more. Good built environment choices can enable our residents to be healthier and save billions in averted health care costs.

While there are many linkages between health and transportation, often federal, state and local departments of transportation and health operate independently, resulting in decision-making about transportation that does not consider the health impacts. HCDI has been a leader in changing this pattern—significantly advancing the practice of performing health impact assessments (HIAs) of transportation projects and producing an innovative Transportation and Health Tool that will allow transportation decision-makers to benchmark their progress in creating healthy transportation options.

Within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and across other government agencies, HCDI staff provide expert assistance, research and consultation about the best program and policy approaches to create healthier built environments. They have also supported the work of organizations that educate practitioners about environmental health, community design and active transportation.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request to continue funding for HCDI for FY2016 so that we can continue to advance partnerships between health and transportation for the benefit of our citizens.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations:**

Adventure Cycling  
Alliance for Biking & Walking  
America Walks  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Planning Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
American Trails  
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN)  
ChangeLab Solutions  
Children & Nature Network  
Commonweal  
Healthy Schools Campaign  
Human Impact Partners  
Institute for Human Centered Design  
Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)  
Just Economics LLC  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Local Government Commission  
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NAACP  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
National Complete Streets Coalition  
National Interscholastic Cycling Association  
National Physical Activity Plan Alliance  
National Recreation and Park Association  
PeopleForBikes  
Prevention Institute  
Raimi + Associates  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sierra Club

The League of American Bicyclists  
The Pew Charitable Trusts  
The Trust for Public Land  
Transportation for America  
Transportation Public Health Link, LLC  
Trust for America's Health  
Walkable and Livable Communities Institute  
YMCA of the USA

### **State and Local Organizations**

Living Streets Alliance, Tucson, AZ  
Tucson Bike Alliance, Tucson, AZ  
Asian and Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance, Los Angeles, CA  
California Bicycle Coalition, Sacramento, CA  
California Park & Recreation Society, Sacramento, CA  
California Walks, Oakland, CA  
IURD, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA  
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Los Angeles, CA  
Los Angeles Walks, Los Angeles, CA  
Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, Santa Barbara, CA  
Bicycle Colorado, Denver, CO  
City of Durango, Durango, CO  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, CO  
Mile High Connects, Denver, CO  
Trails and Open Space Coalition, Colorado Springs, CO  
Bike Walk Connecticut, West Hartford, CT  
City of Hialeah, Hialeah, FL  
Florida Bicycle Association, Oldsmar, FL  
Florida Department of Health in Collier County, Naples, FL  
Urban Health, Miami, FL  
Georgia Bikes!, Savannah, GA  
Healthy Savannah, Savannah, GA  
PEDS, Atlanta, GA  
Active Transportation Alliance, Chicago, IL  
Bike BloNo, Bloomington-Normal, IL  
Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children, Chicago, IL  
The Landscape and Human Health Laboratory, UIUC, Urbana, IL  
University of Illinois, Champaign, IL  
University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Chicago, IL  
Health by Design, Indianapolis, IN  
Healthy Communities of Clinton County, Frankfort, IN  
Top 10 Coalition, Greater Indianapolis area, IN  
Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, Boston, MA  
Maryland State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness, Baltimore, MD

Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Portland, ME  
League of Michigan Bicyclists, Lansing, MI  
Transit for Livable Communities, Saint Paul , MN  
BikeWalkKC, Kansas City, MO  
Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, Columbia, MO  
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO  
Metro St. Louis Coalition for Inclusion and Equity, M-SLICE , St Louis, MO  
Missouri Bicycle & Pedestrian Federation, Jefferson City, MO  
Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO  
Bike Walk Mississippi, Jackson, MS  
Southern Echo, Inc., JacksonS, MS  
Bike Walk Montana, Helena, MT  
MountainTrue, Asheville, NC  
Bike-Walk Alliance of NH, Concord, NH  
Central NH Bicycling Coalition, Concord, NH  
Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail, Warner, NH  
Foundation for Healthy Communities, Concord, NH  
Foundation for Healthy Communities, Concord, NH  
Granite State Wheelmen Bicycling Club, Salem, NH  
Plan New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH  
QC Bike Collective, Manchester, NH  
Transport NH, Concord, NH  
New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition, Upper Montclair, NJ  
New York Bicycling Coalition, Albany, NY  
Parks & Trails New York, Albany, NY  
Regional Solutions, Malone, NY  
Transportation Alternatives, New York, NY  
Tri-State Transportation Campaign, New York, NY  
Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Portland, OR  
Eugene Safe Routes to School, Eugene, OR  
Bike Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition, Providence, RI  
Eat Smart Move More SC, Columbia, SC  
Palmetto Cycling Coalition, Columbia, SC  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
Bike Walk Tennessee, Nashville, TN  
Innovative Environmental and Educational Health Solutions, Johnson City, TN  
Livable Memphis, Memphis, TN  
Nashville Area MPO, Nashville, TN  
Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, TN  
BikeHouston, Houston, TX  
BikeTexas, Austin, TX  
Bike Utah, Salt Lake City, UT  
BikeWalk Williamsburg, Williamsburg, VA

Brattleboro Area Bike/Ped, Brattleboro, VT

Local Motion, Burlington, VT

Feet First, Seattle, WA

West Virginia Connecting Communities, Charleston, WV

Wyoming Pathways, Wilson, WY

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada