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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Hatch Ranking Member Wyden:

We are disappointed that the Senate Committee on Finance tax reform proposal would eliminate the \$20-per-month bicycle commuter transportation benefit.

Bicycling provides Americans an inexpensive and increasingly popular mode of transportation. Over the past ten years, bicycling commuting to work has grown by more than 50 percent across the country. Critical to this growth has been the bicycle commuter transportation benefit, which offers commuters a small financial incentive that helps offset the cost of maintaining a bicycle and obtaining the necessary equipment.

The annual cost of the bicycle commuter benefit to the federal treasury is approximately \$5 million. The benefits to both individuals and communities far exceed this cost. For example, growth in commuting by bicycle contributes to reducing congestion, promoting good health and supporting a low-cost mode of transportation for all Americans. The elimination of the bicycle commuter benefit would undercut these benefits.

As Congress continues to debate comprehensive tax reform, we ask that you support the continuation of the bicycle commuter benefit.

Sincerely,

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