



February 1, 2021

To: Members of the House Transportation Committee
Re: Support for House Bill 140 (P.N. 106)

Dear Representatives:

I am writing to express the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's (PEC) support for House Bill 140. This legislation that will update the PA Vehicle Code to allow communities the design flexibility to better protect bicyclists. This bipartisan legislation is intended to bring guidance from the Department of Transportation more in line with current national design practices, and make parking protected plazas and bike lanes legal.

PEC has long strived to support built and natural environments that foster healthy lifestyles and promote livable communities. Implementing the design practices enabled by this legislation will help provide citizens with another option for commuting and recreating in the communities that they live and work. Protected bike lanes also encourage an active streetscape, which can help promote economic vitality in our towns and cities.

For these reasons, PEC encourages you to support this legislation. If you have any questions about this issue, please feel free to contact Frank Maguire, PEC's Program Director for Trails and Recreation, at 814-234-7765.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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