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The Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor of Ohio
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

Dear Governor Strickland:

As the State of Ohio moves forward on plans to replace the I-90 Innerbelt Bridge, I strongly urge the state to design the bridge in such a manner that pedestrians and cyclists will be able to use it.

While safety considerations would naturally require that only motor vehicles use the main highway crossing the bridge, there is no reason not to provide a separate roadway for pedestrians and cyclists within the architecture of the bridge. Such a roadway should have separate ingress and egress for non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians to ensure the safety of its users. Providing access for non-motorized traffic would enhance the Innerbelt Bridge by making it multi-modal and enabling more people to have access to the neighborhoods the bridge connects.

As we focus more attention to alternative energy sources to combat climate change, the State of Ohio should continue to support alternative modes of transportation for the people of the Cleveland area to cross the Cuyahoga River. I believe that by providing a roadway for pedestrians and cyclists, we would do much to provide these alternatives at little marginal cost. Therefore, I urge you to ensure that the State of Ohio include a separate roadway for non-motorized transportation as it finalizes design plans for the I-90 Innerbelt Bridge.

Sincerely,

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