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TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN BICYCLE SAFETY LEGISLATION

FROM: SENATOR WILLIAM L. SALTONSTALL

During the last session of the legislature three bicycle laws were passed: Chapter 806 on the rules of the road and equipment, Chapter 596 providing a non-criminal ticketing procedure for bicycle law violations, and Chapter 183 allowing cities and towns to purchase coin-operated bicycle parking racks. Many thanks to those of you who helped us get these bills through the legislature. I am enclosing a copy of Chapter 806. If you want copies of Chapter 596 or 183, please call my office.

The next step is to ensure the implementation of these laws and to encourage the education programs that are so important to the success of the regulations. I have sent news releases to all the dailies and weeklies in the state, and have also written to all police chiefs and school superintendents urging them to implement the law, particularly by setting up bicycle safety programs. We are working with Chief Justice Flaschner's office to design the non-criminal ticket authorized by Chapter 596. I also hope that money can be earmarked in the fiscal 1975 budget for bicycle safety education.

I would like to hear any suggestions that you have for educational programs as well as information about proposed or current programs in your area. Only with the cooperation of all people concerned with bicycles on a business or personal level will we be able to effectively implement the new laws and reduce the number of accidents involving bicycles. Parents, teachers, police safety officers, students, bicycle clubs, and bicycle dealers can all take an active role in developing such programs.

I appreciate your help and hope that we may continue to work together to educate the public about the new regulations and about bicycle safety in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Saltonstall".

William L. Saltonstall
Senator
Third Essex District

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Enclosure