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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
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The Honorable Vern Buchanan
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Dear Congressman Blumenauer, Congressman Buchanan, and Congresswoman Pressley,

On behalf of Uber, PeopleForBikes, the National Bicycle Dealers Association, the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association, the North American Bikeshare Association, and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, we write to you to thank you for introducing H.R. 1507, "The Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019." Your forward-thinking leadership will ensure that Americans have a range of commuting options, encourage sustainable modes of transportation, and strengthen the nationwide network of bikes.

Offering commuters who ride their bike to work pre-tax benefits is a critical step in embracing a sustainable future of transportation. Bikes are reliable and affordable methods of transportation and are accessible to commuters who may have previously faced geographic or financial barriers. Encouraging biking as a commuting option, by extending the tax benefits already afforded to parking and driving, promotes healthy living, reduces congestion in cities, and helps protect the environment.

We also appreciate your thoughtful approach in building on past legislation to embrace new mobility options such as bikeshare and electric bikes, increasingly common methods of transportation. Electric bikes are a great option for commuters, and it's encouraging to see legislation that acknowledges the benefits of electric bikes, a cost-effective method of reducing congestion and helping riders stay physically active. Updating the formal definition of "bicycle" in the bill to include many of the new technologies that have changed the way people get around, including low-speed electric bikes and dockless systems, will make a lasting difference as more transit options are available for commuters around the country.

Thank you again for your bipartisan leadership in developing this forward-looking legislation and acknowledging the importance of modernizing public policy to address something affecting all Americans nearly every day — their commute. The continued growth of mobility options means there are more safe,

reliable options to get around no matter where you're going — including to the office. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these critical issues to help shape the future of transportation.

Respectfully,

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