



SIERRA CLUB

TOIYABE CHAPTER

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB285

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE, NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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My name is Anne Macquarie, I am a member of the Clean Transportation for All team of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Toiyabe Chapter strongly supports SB285.

I have been advocating for biking and walking as safe, sustainable transportation modes in Nevada for over 20 years, starting as the founding president of Muscle Powered in Carson City. In fact, I testified in favor of the first complete streets bill in the Nevada legislature in 2013. I ask you to look around our capitol city today with its bike lanes and bike paths, complete streets retrofits, including wider sidewalks and bike lanes, traffic calming features, and more, to see how far we have come in that time.

But it is still critical to continue to build a multi-modal transportation system statewide in which biking, walking and other inexpensive, healthy, low-carbon-emitting travel modes are safe, supported, and encouraged.

We understand that more people of more varied ages and abilities will start - or continue- to walk and bike when safer streets are provided through programs like Complete Streets. We especially appreciate the addition of language specifying that Complete Streets should be designed and maintained for people of all ages and abilities. As our population ages, it is important that Nevadans can continue to walk and bike for exercise and transportation within an infrastructure that accommodates and supports all.

Thank you.