

To my elected representatives,

My name is Jonathan Vinson. I am a family physician, driver, cyclist, pedestrian, and faithful voter.

I strongly support SB998 based on the overall positive experience seen in Idaho after implementation of a similar law. Since I spend a roughly equal amount of time on both sides of the windshield (and even more time treating the ill and injured), I'm substantially motivated to design our streets and traffic rules for the good and safety of all. There is strong empirical evidence to support allowing people on bicycles to treat a stop as a yield *when safe to do so.*

This bill does not absolve any road user of responsibility for recognizing right of way or attending to safety.

I appreciate your consideration and your vote YES for this bill.

Yours,
Jonathan