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To: Rebekah Warren, Ronnie Peterson

cc: Ann Arbor Transportation Commission, Kayla Coleman, Rep Yousef Rabhi, Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor, Ann Arbor City Council, Ann Arbor City Administrator

Subject: HB 4738 and Ann Arbor's crosswalk ordinance

Dear Reps Warren & Peterson,

I'm writing to you again regarding the draft state crosswalk law HB 4738 sponsored by Rep Peterson.

I am a supporter of Ann Arbor's current crosswalk ordinance because I believe it is unacceptable to require a pedestrian to enter the roadway in order to require drivers to yield. HB 4738 requires pedestrians, many of whom are not able bodied or nimble, to physically put their bodies in harms way for the chance to cross the street. I do not support HB 4738 as written because it would override Ann Arbor's own ordinance which provides greater protections to pedestrians and better signals the culture of safety we all hope to achieve on our streets.

While I prefer preserving the ability of municipalities to set stricter standards, one acceptable compromise (from my perspective) for a statewide bill would be to explicitly define in the bill what it means for a pedestrian to be "within" or "on" the roadway/crosswalk/intersection to include the extension of any part of their body or apparatus (e.g., cane, wheelchair, shopping bag, etc) over any part of the roadway or curb line. This would, at minimum, allow a pedestrian to signal intent to cross without placing their entire body within harm's way and without needing to overly specify how a pedestrian ought to signal an intent to cross.

Thank you,

Scott Trudeau