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From State Senators Teresa Fedor and Mark Wagoner

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Senators Teresa Fedor and Mark Wagoner Introduce Bicycling Safety Bill

Columbus, Ohio — Senators Teresa Fedor and Mark Wagoner (R-Ottawa Hills) announced today a bicycling safety bill that will define a safe lateral passing distance of three feet when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle or other non-motorized vehicle. The Ohio Bicycle Federation President, Chuck Smith, attended the press conference in support of the legislation.

“Cyclists often do not feel safe riding in their neighborhoods or to work because of unsafe distances between cars. We must make Ohio streets safer for our over one million cyclists,” said Senator Fedor.

Senator Wagoner stated, “With this legislation, we are not only working in a bi-partisan manner to ensure increased safety and respect for Ohio cyclists on Ohio roads, but also to encourage more Ohioans to get active. I look forward to working this bill through the Senate with my good friend and colleague, Senator Teresa Fedor.”

Senator Fedor, joined by Senator Wagoner for part of the journey, completed the 3rd Annual Bike to the Capitol tour during Bike to Work Week. The ride reinforced the need for bike-friendly communities and safer roads for those who use bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.

For more information on bicycling issues, check out the Ohio Bicycle Federation’s website at <http://www.ohiobike.org/>