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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
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The Honorable Donald Payne  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Subcommittee Chairs Norton and Payne:

On behalf of the PeopleForBikes Coalition, thank you for leading the introduction of the INVEST in America Act. We're grateful for your commitment to bicycles and multimodal transportation in this visionary reauthorization bill. The investments proposed will help meet the skyrocketing demand for safe, connected and accessible bike infrastructure in communities across the United States with focus on climate and equity.

The PeopleForBikes Coalition (PeopleForBikes) is the national trade association representing companies that manufacture and distribute bicycles, bicycle parts and bicycle accessories. Nationwide, PeopleForBikes represents nearly 300 bicycle businesses and more than 7,000 retailers. The PeopleForBikes Foundation is supported by 1.4 million individuals. The U.S. bicycle industry contributes \$88 billion annually to our economy and employs more than 780,000 Americans. Bicycling keeps people active, healthy and moving.

Thank you for including the Active Transportation Connectivity Grant Program, a central component of our multimodal future. Our economy, the climate crisis and communities across the nation demand new ways to safely move outside of cars. Investing in this program will help our nation meet broader goals to reduce carbon emissions, advance mobility equity, enhance road safety and support economic recovery.

The inclusion of the three class electric bicycle definition and updated classification in the Recreational Trails Program will increase clarity for states and local land managers. Expanding eligibility and access for bicycles across climate programs will help reduce rising transportation emissions. We appreciate the funding increases proposed for Transportation Alternatives and measures to address the safety crisis on American roadways.

Thank you for producing this bill at a critical time for infrastructure in the United States. We look forward to working with you to pass the INVEST In America Act this Congress.

Sincerely,

Noa Banayan, director of federal affairs  
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