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Dear Staff,

I want to address the need for additional detail and support for bicycle parking within the California Building Standards Code.

A safe place to store a bike is essential if people are going to adopt the bicycle for everyday transportation. Car parking adds to the expense of building, reduces the space available for housing humans, and encourages more driving. But bicycle parking is much more space efficient, and ample, secure bike parking in a residential building or at a business incentivizes and normalizes active transportation.

There are many important connections between our built environment and active transportation in creating a sustainable California. Beyond the obvious connection that bicycles have minimal environmental impact compared to cars in terms of emissions, noise pollution, and land use, encouraging active transportation options through high-quality bicycle parking also enhances the resilience of buildings and communities. In scenarios such as fuel shortages, extreme weather events, or disruptions in transportation systems, buildings with robust bike parking infrastructure provide reliable and flexible mobility solutions.

Strong requirements for bike parking facilities also promote social equity by providing transportation options that are affordable and accessible to a broader range of people, including those who may not have access to private vehicles or public transit.

With these reasons in mind, I wholeheartedly support the slate of recommendations that the California Bicycle Coalition made in its June 11 letter.

Thank you,

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