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Honorable Earl Blumenauer  
United States House of Representatives  
1111 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Blumenauer:

On behalf of the over 1 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I am pleased to endorse the Vision Zero legislation you plan to introduce with Representative Vern Buchanan. It is our understanding that funding for Vision Zero grants will come directly from existing funds either through the Highway Safety Improvement Program or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Vision Zero legislation does not authorize additional funding; however it will create two grant programs under the Department of Transportation to help communities plan and/or implement Vision Zero goals across the country regardless of their size.

NAR believes that the timely provision of safe, convenient and efficient transportation infrastructure enhances the quality of communities, supports property values, and mitigates the effects of traffic congestion that accompany growth. REALTORS® support improving mobility in communities so that all citizens have access to transportation means best suited to their needs. Today's homebuyers are placing a focus on the availability of multiple, safe transportation options.

NAR appreciates your work to help communities create safe transportation corridors for all users of the roadway. The focal point of Vision Zero grants to eliminate all transportation-related fatalities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists and passengers is admirable. We believe efforts to improve the safety of our communities will enhance the quality of neighborhoods throughout the country, support property values, and encourage economic growth.

If you have any questions, please contact our State & Local Issues Government Affairs Representative, Adriann Murawski at 202-383-1068 or [amurawski@realtors.org](mailto:amurawski@realtors.org).

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Vern Buchanan

