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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inouye:

On behalf of the more than 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I want to express our support for S. 2686, the Complete Streets Act of 2008. REALTORS® support improving mobility in communities so that all citizens have access to transportation means best suited to their needs. With this in mind, the NAR Board of Directors has officially embraced the concept of Complete Streets and it is our policy that transportation improvement planning should consider the needs of all transportation users along a transportation corridor and provisions should be made to accommodate a variety of users in transportation projects, where possible.

S. 2686 would add a provision to Title 23 of the U.S. Code to ensure that future transportation investments made by state Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations create appropriate and safe transportation facilities for all those using the road – motorists, transit vehicles and riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

Changing travel patterns, shrinking petroleum supplies, and continuing technological innovation will challenge traditional means of transportation planning, construction and funding. Part of this challenge will be to build transportation systems that are focused on the needs of people and that support and enrich the communities in which they live. We believe S. 2686 is an important step toward meeting the challenge and we urge you to support it. We believe S. 2686 is an important step toward meeting the challenge and we urge the Committee to hold hearings on it at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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