

Emma Torkelson

From: Chelsi Cacciatore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:10 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: In support of Bill SB 129

I am writing to express my support of the "Act of Naming the Matt Glover Path" bill, SB 129.

This would be a powerful way to honor a man who devotedly rode his bicycle in that area to work for many years. My friend Ariane Glover (Matt's widow) had expressed concern to me just over a year ago about her husband's early morning commute on the highway, even though he kept himself extremely visible with reflective gear and lighting. It was devastating to hear that he was struck by a vehicle while on his commute and then passed away from complications soon afterwards.

This new bike path would provide a safe passage for many riders of all kinds. I can't think of a better way to recognize Matt Glover's dedication to cycling than naming this bike path after him.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,
Chelsi Cacciatore

[REDACTED]
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
[REDACTED]

May 10, 2023

Madam/Mr. Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Lucy He, I am a neurosurgeon from Anchorage, Alaska and am representing both myself and my practice, Anchorage Neurosurgical Associates Inc.

I am writing to express my full support for Bill SB129, An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path after my former patient. As a medical professional who had the privilege of caring for Matt, I can attest to his kind and positive nature, his love for nature, and his unwavering optimism. His unexpected death has left an indelible mark on the medical teams who cared for him and on the community at large.

Matt was a shining example of what it means to be a positive force in the world. Despite the pain and difficulty he faced during his hospitalization and recovery, he always maintained a sunny disposition and a contagious smile. His love for nature was evident in his love for cycling along with the outdoors and it is fitting that a bike path should be named in his honor.

I believe that naming the new bike path after Matt would be a fitting tribute to his life and his legacy. It would be a way to honor his memory and his positive impact on the community. It would also serve as a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of living each day to the fullest.

I urge you to support this bill and help ensure that Matt's memory lives on in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LH', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Lucy He, MD
Anchorage, AK

Emma Torkelson

From: Janell Myers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:19 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Support for Bill SB129

Madam/Mr. Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Janell Myers, I am a physician assistant specializing in neurosurgery. I work in Anchorage, Alaska and am representing myself.

I am writing to express my full support for Bill SB129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path" after my patient, Matt Glover. As a medical professional who had the honor of caring for Matt, I can attest to his kind and positive nature. Matt had an unwavering love for nature, and throughout his admission, he exuded optimism in every interaction. I had the privilege to work with Matt every morning during his hospitalization and each morning, I looked forward to his jokes and bright demeanor, despite being faced with such a traumatic experience. His unexpected death has left an indelible mark on the medical teams who cared for him, and on the community at large.

Matt was an amazing example of what it means to be a positive force in the world regardless of the turmoil we all face daily. Despite the pain and difficulty he faced during his hospitalization, he always maintained a bright disposition and a contagious smile. His love for nature was evident in his love for cycling, and it is fitting that a bike path should be named in his honor.

I believe that naming the new bike path after Matt would be a fitting tribute to his life and his legacy and will serve as a tangible way to honor his memory and his positive impact on the community he inspired. It would also serve as a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of living each day to the fullest.

I urge you to support this bill and help ensure that Matt's memory lives on in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,
Janell Myers, MPAS, PA-C

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From: Jimmy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:22 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB129

This bill won't bring Matt back to the friends and relatives who loved him. It won't end the senseless murder of future pedestrians in our communities. But it likely will be a remark to future travelers that they share our roads with others. This bill isn't so much for Matt but for future pedestrians that they might travel more safely and live long, healthy lives. That it might prevent even one less senseless death and years of mental anguish of others is worth it.

Please support SB129.

Thank you,

James Fox
Fairbanks, AK

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Jimmy
[REDACTED]

"Leadership is the influencing of others, by means of reason and inclusion, and based on a critical and systems understanding of context, to achieve organizational goals that are in the long-term best interest of all involved, with the wellbeing of society in mind (modified from Drouillard & Kleiner, 1996 as cited in Mango 2018)." [Bruyere, et al. 2020. Conservation Leadership Capacity Building: a Landscape Study.](#)

"When we try to change a person's mind, our first impulse is to preach about why we're right and prosecute them for being wrong....Psychologists find that when we listen carefully and call attention to the nuances in people's own thinking, they become less extreme and more open in their views." Adam Grant in [The Science of Changing Someone's Mind](#)

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From: Arleen Glover [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 129 naming the Matt Glover bike path.

Dear Transportation Committee,

My name is Arleen Glover. Matt Glover is my son, I miss him so much! He loved cycling his whole life and was instrumental in my own joy of cycling. For there to be a bike path in his name is such a special remembrance of him. Thank you for considering SB 129.

Sincerely,

Arleen Glover

Mr. Chair and members of the committee, my name is Julie Rafferty, I am from Fairbanks representing myself, as a friend of Ariane and Matt Glover.

Like Ariane, I'm a member of the Ladies of Leisure, a bike group affiliated with the Fairbanks Cycle Club. Every Thursday evening during spring and summer, women of all ages congregate to ride through our beautiful landscapes. How devastated we were when Ariane lost her husband, Matt, doing something he, and all of us love doing.

SB129, naming the new bike connection in his honor, which runs along Matt's daily commute to work, allows our community to do something more than just grieve for one of its own. In his memory, let this gesture continue to inspire us, to keep us moving forward as we affirm the beauty of a life well lived.

Thank you.

Julie Rafferty



Fairbanks, AK 99709

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From: Michael Kline <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB129 - An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path

Hi,

I would like to voice my support for the Matt Glover Bike Path. As someone who often rides bikes I realize the importance of having bike paths that are separate from the road. I've worked with Ariane in the past and it is heartbreaking to hear of her loss in her own works at the recent Senate meeting. So in conclusion I urge you to build this bike path and prevent future tragedies like this.

Thank you,
Michael Kline

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From: Nancy Frei <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: SB129

Please pass the An Act Naming the Matt Glover Bike Path. Matt was an avid bicyclist who rode often and safely. He advocated for safe, fun, biking. To my great dismay, he lost his life while biking to work. Let's honor Matt by naming a section of bike path in his home town of North Pole.

Thank you,
Nancy Frei

Emma Torkelson

From: Cam Webb <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Cc: Theresa Woldstad
Subject: SB 129 - Testimony

**** Concerning SB 129, "Matt Glover Bike Path" ****

(This is text I had prepared to deliver telephonically at the Fairbanks LIO, but due to a shortage of meeting time today have been asked to send via email.)

Dear Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

My name is Cam Webb, and I live in North Pole, off Badger Road.

I work in Fairbanks and sometimes I commute to work by bike. Usually I'll ride to the bus stop and put my bike on the Green Line bus, but when I miss the bus, or when it's a really nice day, I'll ride all the way, and so I've had to sometimes cycle on the shoulder of the Richardson highway. While it's dangerous enough just peddling along, with cars and trucks whizzing past at 65 miles an hour, it is crossing the on- and offramps that is really stressful.

Last year on the morning of October thirteenth I was driving to work, not cycling. At the top of the Badger Road onramp onto the Richardson there were several police cars, stopped, with lights flashing. As I drove past, I caught a glimpse of a crumpled bicycle. It had panniers on it, and I thought I recognized it as the bike of someone I had sometimes seen cycling along the Richardson in the afternoon, heading in the other direction, to North Pole. I didn't know it at the time but that was indeed Matt Glover's bike.

I was deeply moved and angered by the accident. Soon after, I contacted FAST Planning in Fairbanks to ask about getting a safe bike path along the Richardson, which I had heard had already been proposed. I was relieved then to find out that the project was actually going ahead, starting in 2023. Since then I have learned more about Matt Glover and how he was perhaps the most storied bicycle commuter in Interior Alaska.

I think therefore it is highly appropriate to name this new bike path after Matt, as a tribute to him as a person, and to his commitment to non-motorized transport.

I ask you to please pass this Bill on to the Senate.

Thank you.

Emma Torkelson

From: Senate Transportation Committee

From: August-Michelle A. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:47 AM
To: Sen. Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 129

Senator Myers,

I appreciate that you will be introducing SB 129. I fully support this legislation. On behalf of my friends Matt & Ariane Glover.

Respectfully,

August-Michelle

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From: Senate Transportation Committee

From: ACSALASKA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:42 AM
To: Sen. Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>
Subject: Matt Glover bike path

We fully support the bill to establish and name a bike path between Badger and Airport Way for Matt Glover. He commuted by bike on this route for years in all seasons before his tragic accident and untimely death. He was a friend of ours and would be honored by this action. Thank you for your service and support of this legislation.

Byron and Chris Broda
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks 99712

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From: Senate Transportation Committee

From: John Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Sen. Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 129 Matt Glover Bike Path

Senator Meyers,

Thank you for sponsoring and introducing this legislation. It is a fitting memorial for Matt and a recognition of the need for safe bike routes throughout the Borough, and a reminder that we need to drive safely and be especially aware that bikes and motorcycles legally share the roads.

John Davies
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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From: Julie Mancill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path"

Matt was an avid bicycle rider. Always encouraging and looking out for others. Supporting many, many Community rides in Fairbanks. A wonderful person with a big smile. A person you'd want your kids and grandkids to emulate. I Support naming the North Pole to Fairbanks bike path in his name.

Julie Mancill

[REDACTED], Fairbanks, AK 99712

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From: Celia Staples <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:05 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB129

TO: Senate Transportation Committee

Bill: Act of Naming The Matt Glover Bike Path

Number: SB 129

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman, Members of Senate Transportation Committee

My name is Celia Staples

Testifying for the importance of Bill No: SB129 An act of naming the Matt Glover Bike Path:

I want to thank Senator Myers for bringing the SB129 bill forward in honor of Matt Glover. I definitely support this bill and pray his colleagues on this committee and all others who will vote on this bill will understand the importance of this bill to the people of Fairbanks, North Pole and his family.

As you have already heard Matt was an avid bike rider, riding over thousand miles each year. I know that he preferred his bike to driving his truck as long as the roads and weather allowed him to ride.

Matt was and always will be my son-in-law. He was a man that every mother would want for her daughter; kind, thoughtful, generous, soft spoken; there to help a stranger or a friend in need and always with a broad warm smile. His smile would make others smile. He is missed not only by family but many in the Fairbanks and North Pole community.

Today, I would rather Matt be here for my daughter, his family and for him to be able to ride safely on this new bike path to work each day. That can not be. This path comes to late for Matt but not for others Matt has encouraged to ride including his wife/my daughter Ariane and others in the Fairbanks cycling community. I'm asking that you would vote to move SB129 forward in honor of Matt Glover an avid and an inspirational cyclist.

Thank You