

Emma Torkelson

From: greg egan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:40 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Cc: Sen. Robert Myers
Subject: Support for SB 129 - Matt Glover Bike Path

Dear Senators,

I'm writing to ask for your support in passing SB 129. Matt was a great guy. He was a friend to anyone who knew him. He was an avid recreational cyclist but more than that, he was a bike commuter. Matt rode his bike to work most of the last 20 years.

Matt knew the traffic rules and followed them. In spite of doing everything right (orange reflective safety vest and gloves, red blinking helmet light, white flashing head light) he was struck down by a motorist. He was heroic in his efforts to use less fossil fuels. Matt lead by example.

In supporting this act you're recognizing a hero. In supporting safe transportation for cyclists you're making it easier for the less heroic among us to live healthier more productive lives while improving air quality for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Greg & Cathy Egan

Emma Torkelson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 8:51 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path"

I am in favor of passage of Senate Bill 129.

Matt Glover, who could handle a 10,000 ton freight train as well as a road bike, while both mastering ballroom dance and loving the wilderness, was the kind of citizen the Fairbanks/North Pole area should be proud of. He did these feats with an air of humility and friendliness. He was certainly irreplaceable.

Thank you for considering this bill.

Alisabeth Thurston-Hicks, Fairbanks

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From: Eric Troyer and Corrine Leistikow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 7, 2023 6:30 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path."

I would strongly encourage the legislature to name the new bike path that will be built from N. Pole to Fairbanks "The Matt Glover Bike Path".

Matt loved riding his bike. He was a dedicated bike commuter. He biked most days from his home in N. Pole to work in Fairbanks. We would often pass each other on our early morning commutes to work. Unfortunately, he was killed while commuting to work one early morning by a distracted driver. Besides commuting, Matt would ride with members of the Fairbanks bike community on group rides and in races. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by our cycling community as he was an integral part of it.

Had this bike path been finished earlier, perhaps Matt would not have been killed on his way to work. I can think of no better way to commemorate Matt than by naming this bike path after him.

Please vote to pass this bill.

With Best Regards,
Corrine Leistikow
Fairbanks, Alaska

Emma Torkelson

From: Fazio, Guy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 5:21 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Cc: Sen. Robert Myers
Subject: SB 129

Good morning. My name is Guy Fazio. I am not a resident of Alaska however I have spent quite a lot of time working up there as a Contractor at various military installations. While working in Alaska, I naturally also recreated during my time up there. Cycling was one of the activities that occupied my days off when I wasn't working. I am writing today to support SB 129 in honor of Mr. Matt Glover. His widow, Mrs. Ariane Glover, is a friend and former colleague of mine. Safe cycling infrastructure, such as this proposed bike path connection, will make cycling and commuting safer in your community. As an avid lifelong cyclist, I have unfortunately lost friends and training partners due to distracted / careless drivers. This proposed path will make cycling safer in your community. If it saves just one life and prevents what happened to Matt from happening to one other person and family, then it will have served its purpose. Thank you so very much for introducing SB 129. I and many others wholeheartedly support SB 129.

Respectfully,
Guy Fazio

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From: d remain <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 5:58 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB 129 - An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path

Dear Chairman and Members,

My name is Derek Tremain, I live in Florida, and I am speaking on my own behalf.

I am writing in support of SB 129 to commemorate a young citizen of AK whose life was cut short while riding his bike to work.

I knew Matt, and as the testimony of others will confirm, he was an amazing man - not just as a avid cyclist and dedicated husband, but also as an outdoorsman who embodied the best of Alaska. His quiet demeanor, sense of humor, and passion life and for his community have inspired countless others with whom he had contact.

I hope that you will all vote to pass SB 129 to name the Matt Glover Bike Path so that future citizens and visitors to AK will be inspired by this young man for years to come.

Regards,

Derek Tremain

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Emma Torkelson

From: Sheryl Reily <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 6:44 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129

To Whom it May Concern and
Dear members of the Senate,

I would like to lend my support to Senate Bill 129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path."

I first met Matt Glover about twenty years ago when he was a very young man and member of the Ballroom Dance Club of Fairbanks. At the time I was impressed by his enthusiastic yet humble demeanor, his ability to share his joy of dance and treat everyone with respect and kindness. Just being around made people feel good.

Years later, in the way that Fairbanks is a small town, I met Matt again through the Fairbanks Cycle Club. At the time he was dating one of the young women Ariane who rides with the "Ladies of Leisure" group. They could be seen together riding a tandem bicycle during events such as the annual Chena Hot springs Bike Classic, waving and bringing smiles to faces as they passed by. Their joy was contagious.

I guess the tandem riding passed the partnership test because within a couple of years they were married.

I never saw Matt without a smile and a bike. He was an exceptionally joyful and kind person who was a role model and helped others. I can see no more fitting tribute to Matt's life than to recognize a path dedicated to the activity he was so passionate about. I know it would be meaningful for both Matt and Ariane to see others enjoying life with family and friends in safety - and that this bike path supports both.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief description about the all too brief life and contribution of Matt Glover to the community. It is my hope you will support this bill.

Respectfully,
Sheryl Maree Reily

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From: Greg Kahoe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 8:12 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129 An Act Naming the Matt Glover Bike Path

Dear Transportation Committee:

I want to thank Robert Myers, NP, for sponsoring Senate Bill 129. Matt Glover was a personal friend of mine and an inspiration for all of us who ever rode bicycles with Matt.

I am a ride leader for the Fairbanks Cycle Club, and Matt was a frequent, near-constant presence on our rides. He was strong, kind, and had an upbeat attitude on every ride--rain or shine. Getting to know Matt on these rides was an inspiring. Even though he logged many more miles than any of us (he commuted daily from his home in North Pole, Alaska, to work at the Alaska Railroad yard in Fairbanks), he never tired of joining our rides--after work, or riding in from NP to participate.

It is very appropriate to name the soon-to-be-constructed bike path after Matt because that was his route to and from work nearly every day. Morning and evening commuters could easily recognize him as they shared the road with him. But it was this very road on which he was struck one morning, and later died of his injuries. The bike path will make it safer for all of us in the biking community, whether we are riding for health, work, or fun.

Please vote to support naming the bike path after our friend and inspiration, Matt Glover.

Sincerely,
Greg Kahoe
Ester, AK

Emma Torkelson

From: Kelli O'Donnell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path; bill number SB129

Senate Transportation Committee

While I can not be there in person to testify, I am writing in my supportive comment of bill number SB129 to name the Matt Glover Bike Path. Matt was a person with a passion for biking and safety. I can see no better name for this path than to dedicate it to him after his unfortunate accident doing what he loved.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Kelli O'Donnell

Emma Torkelson

From: Jennifer Coviello <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Bill: SB 129 to name the "Matt Glover Bike Path"

Bill: SB 129 to name the "Matt Glover Bike Path"

Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jennifer Cook I am from North Pole, AK and am representing myself as well as the Fairbanks Area Hiking Club. I am testifying in favor of SB 129, an act to name the bike path connection from North Pole to Fairbanks after my late friend, Matt Glover.

As an already approved project with funding this bill will not bring additional cost to the State of Alaska. This bill will recognize a gentleman that represents so much of what it means to be 'Alaskan'. I first met Matt on the hiking trails with his then 'wife to be' Ariane, through one of the Fairbanks hiking Club weekly social hikes. As Matt was one of a handful of the club members residing in North Pole and Ariane was employed on Eielson AFB (my place of employment) we quickly became acquaintances and subsequently friends. For every time I saw Matt at a social event, I saw him on his commute to/from Fairbanks ten times, or on a Sunday tandem bike ride with his wife. Matt was the SAFEST cyclist I have ever met. He was a lit-up beacon of orange, reflectors and flashers on his morning commute to work. He maintained his bike in safe riding condition always. He was predictable and responsible as he rode day in and day out from North Pole to Fairbanks. Unfortunately, all of Matt's efforts in being a safe rider was not enough. On his morning commute he was struck and after an incredible 5 week testament of his fortitude he passed away. In that time the greatness of the community of the Fairbanks NorthStar Borough were shown by the compassionate actions of its members in support of Matt and Ariane. A 'rallying of the troops' like that does not just happen without the interwoven connections of humanity placed ahead of time. Matt was that quiet community weaver. He always showed up. He lived by example. He walked the walk, but was not one to "talk the talk". As an 8-year transplant to Alaska myself, I came to call this place home. I fell in love with the wide-open spaces, abundance of 'all things outdoors' and the sense of community found within the Fairbanks NorthStar Borough. I can without hesitation say Matt represents each of those things that make Alaska home for me. Whether it was hiking in his hand made sandals he learned about at the Folk School, commuting to his job at the Alaska Railroad on bike, walking memory lane with my partner about their time as Wildland Firefighters or running over some cupcakes from his birthday to my kids simply to share. He may not have been a former political member, a war hero or someone that took center stage, but Matt represents our community to me. He was a man whos life was lived by example and felt by many, even if not attributed with public accolades. Matt is gone too soon, but a bike path in his name is a small gesture to give back to a man and his family that have given so much to us.

Again, I support SB 129 and the "Matt Glover Bike Path". In my eyes there is no other name more fitting for a public bike path, than "Matt Glover", a man who embodies our community. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Lindy Kinn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:39 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Senate Bill 129

I support Senate Bill 129, "An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path."
Belinda Kinn
Sent from my iPhone

Emma Torkelson

From: Margaret Sullivan (FS) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:08 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: SB129 ~ An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path

Dear Senate Transportation Committee,

I am writing today to ask that you Please support SB129, An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path.

I have known Matt Glover and his wife Ariane Glover for 10 years, socializing with them in both the Fairbanks Area Hiking Club and the Fairbanks Cycle Club.

No one that I know has ever been as avid a bike rider as Matt. He was known to ride his bike in every type of weather on almost every day of the year.

The day Matt got struck by the truck on the Richardson Hwy, was a day that will never be forgotten. It was a Tragedy that could and Can be prevented in the future, when the bike path between North Pole and Fairbanks is built. It would be a Great Honor to Matt, a man who believed in cycling, for both health and environmental reasons, to have that bike path be named for him. The Matt Glover Bike Path would be used by Many people, both cyclist and pedestrians and will help keep his spirit alive to those who knew him.

Thank you,

Peggy Sullivan
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