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Dear Committee on Personal Choice and Community Safety

I would love to see a more flexible approach to the use of bicycle helmets for adults in WA. On open roads and under competition, helmets are a logical safety item that goes along with any other safety equipment ....but around the streets and bike paths of the city and towns, the wearing of helmets should at the discretion of the rider relating to their numerous types of short trip circumstances.

I do not believe WA citizens are any more reckless or careless than any other country's citizens who do not have a compulsory wearing of helmets policy and especially we need to avoid such a 'mollygoddled' approach to such an economical and environmentally friendly form of transport.

Best regards

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