



Send an email that will save a cyclist's life ... yours.

This Spring, the NY State Legislature will consider two bills that'll save cyclists' lives, so we're asking every cyclist to email leaders, committee chairs and their own city-state representatives. The QR Code has support materials, draft copy and email addresses. All we need is you!

[A3986](#) / [S2643](#) ("Idaho Stop") would amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law (V&TL) to allow cyclists to a) treat a stop light as a stop sign and b) a stop sign as a yield. Permitting cyclists to enter an intersection before a light turns green gets them out of truck driver's blind spots and around vehicles blocking bike lanes—two principal causes of cyclist fatalities.

Twenty seven cyclists were killed in traffic crashes in New York City in 2019—more than half involving commercial vehicles. Yet in 2019, NYPD wrote 35,000 moving violations to cyclists—more than for trucks which represent 10% of city traffic and figured in 43 of 220 road deaths.

[0590-2023](#) - NYC Council resolution in support A3986 /S2643.

[A4346](#) / [S1724](#) ("3-Foot Safe Passing") would amend the V&TL to require motorists outside New York City to maintain a minimum 3-foot safe distance while passing cyclists.

NYSDOT considers 3-foot as the minimum passing distance to provide adequate space for bicyclists and a standard easily understood by motorists. We further ask that the bills be amended to a) incorporate elements of [NJ's Safe Passing Law](#) and b) to include an "opt-in" provision for New York City.

Passing A4346/S1724 would elevate cyclists' status as road users, send motorists a clear message about how to safely pass a person on a bicycle and help foster a culture of safer driving across New York.