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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to show my support for Carrollton becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community. As a City Council Member, I believe that a community that prioritizes cycle safety, advocates for bicycle facilities and promotes cycling in our city is a community that thrives and succeeds. As a City of Carrollton resident and a University of West Georgia employee, I am a firm believer that our city is shifting from being an automobile centric town to a walkable and cycle friendly community.

The City of Carrollton has seen a number of changes to both accommodate and promote cycling in the last few years and has plans to continue on this trajectory. In January 2017, I sponsored the Neighborhood Slow Streets campaign to help reduce traffic speed, reduce distracted driving and create a more walkable community. Our police force has stepped up enforcement of stop sign running, speed and distracted driving to send the message that residential street safety is of utmost importance. Carrollton's public library is slated to be renovated within the next year. In our planning and design phase I have advocated for shifting the focus to prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian traffic access onto the library campus. The City of Carrollton proclaimed May as Bike Month and will be celebrating with various events, including cycle to school/work rides, creating an official bicycle routes network and a variety of bicycle education for all members of our community. I am very excited to be able to lead an official bike ride in town too. The City of Carrollton and the University of West Georgia have a successful partnership in encouraging cycling in town and will continue to utilize our relationship to educate and advocate for a cycle friendly community.

I am excited about the prospect of becoming an official Bicycle Friendly City. I am thrilled to share the work we have done to become a safe, walkable and cyclable community while we continue to improve our facilities and educate residents and visitors.

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