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Statement of Support for the Andover WECAN Sustainability Resolution

As a committee dedicated to promoting active transportation options in our community, **Walk Bike Andover** fully embraces the principles of sustainability and recognizes the important role that walking and biking can play in reducing our carbon footprint and promoting a healthier lifestyle. Reduction of carbon emissions via active transportation is a crucial step towards a greener future and will have a positive impact on the environment and public health. This is why we fully endorse the proposed Sustainability Resolution by **Andover WECAN** and believe that it will help to create a more sustainable and livable community for all our residents.

Andover WECAN has registered the resolution with the town to address the climate emergency. It will be placed as a private warrant article for the May 2023 Andover town meeting. Andover has undertaken important steps on climate and the environment, and yet more needs to be done to transition away from fossil fuels and implement measures to protect biodiversity and ecosystems which sustain life.

The Sustainability Resolution aligns with our mission to encourage climate-friendly transportation and we believe that its enactment will have a significant impact on reducing emissions, promoting public health, and creating a more livable community. We believe infrastructure improvements, such as the creation of dedicated walking and biking paths and the provision of ample bicycle parking, will not only encourage more people to use active transportation, but it will also ensure their safety and comfort while doing so.

We trust that its implementation will bring about real and tangible benefits for our town. We encourage all residents to get behind this initiative and help make our community a better and more sustainable place to live. It is crucial for us to take action in addressing the pressing issues of climate change and environmental degradation.

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