

Senator Jason Brodeur 405 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

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Dear Senator Brodeur:

Thank you for sponsoring SB 106 to increase funding for the SUN Trail network and expand the Florida Greenways and Trails System. We strongly support this legislation and look forward to its implementation.

The SUN Trail program makes our state a better place to bicycle, walk, and run. Florida's expanding network of state and local shared-use paths draws millions of users every year. Each of those users is taking advantage of an opportunity to enjoy Florida's great outdoors. People also use trails for health and fitness, which helps reduce heart disease and diabetes. Further, many people need trails and shared-use paths to get to work and stores.

SB 106 specifically prioritizes the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists. Thank you for making their safety important!

Your bill also promotes developing spurs, connecting places, and closing gaps. That is important as more people will use trails if they are designed to help get from one place to another safely.

We commend you and Senate President Passidomo for being champions of safe, non-motorized transportation.

Sincerely,

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