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**2009-10**

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**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,  
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**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 9:14 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Bill 265

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**From:** Jim DeRosia [mailto:jimdd810@cheqnet.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2009 11:42 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Bill 265

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Town Board of Iron River Wisconsin I am sending you this email in support of Bill 265. Since there are no Senators from my area on your committee I am emailing you as the chairman. We here in Iron River are trying to bring our town into the 20th century. As a town who greatly depends on the economic support of tourism this bill would greatly help us maintain trails for that purpose. Our budgets are tight as well as every one else's and need this bill to help us grow as a community. I urge your committee to remember the small communities who might benefit from this bill.

Thank you

Jim DeRosia  
P.O. box 507  
Iron River, WI 54847  
(715)372-6478  
(715)292-2766

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 9:51 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** Damm, Richard [mailto:DammR@ripon.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 8:12 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Plale; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Wisconsin State Senators of the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources,

I am writing you to voice my support of Senate Bill 265. As you are well aware, this bill would create a much needed segregated fund with an annual appropriation of \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of nonmotorized trails. This is a measure that I whole-heartedly support.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources already administers similar programs that provide grants to snowmobile and ATV clubs to pay for the upkeep of their users' trails. It seems fair, then, that a measure to make local government and nonprofit groups eligible to receive money to fix biking and hiking trails be put in place.

There currently exists a great disparity between how the maintenance of motorized and nonmotorized trails are funded. Revenue from a motor vehicle fuel tax is an appropriate source of nonmotorized trail funding.

This concept has won majority support on the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Nonmotorized Use.

There are two other bills before the you which I support: SB 266, which would create the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Council; and SB 264, which would increase the trespassing penalties for ATV, snowmobile and other off-road motor vehicle drivers.

I ask that you please continue to moves these bills forward.

Thank you.

Ric Damm  
Director of Publications & Institutional Image  
Head Coach of Cycling  
Ripon College  
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mailto:dammr@ripon.edu

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**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:46 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'ken@kplgraphics.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Bill 265

Thank you. Senator Holperin will be sure to include your comments with the committee records.

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**From:** ken@kplgraphics.com [mailto:ken@kplgraphics.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:10 AM  
**To:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Subject:** RE: Senate Bill 265

Sure:

1400 Shoemaker Road  
Waupaca, WI 54981

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Senate Bill 265  
From: "Meinholz, Susan" <Susan.Meinholz@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
Date: Tue, September 15, 2009 7:50 am  
To: "Kenneth P. Lambert" <ken@kplgraphics.com>

Thank you for contacting Senator Holperin. Would you please reply with your postal mailing address?

Sue Meinholz  
Office of Senator Jim Holperin  
Room 409 South, State Capitol  
PO Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707-7882  
608-266-2509  
1-800-334-8773 (toll free)  
Susan.meinholz@legis.wi.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenneth P. Lambert [<mailto:ken@kplgraphics.com>]  
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 9:03 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Senate Bill 265

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 265. I believe non-motorized trails can play an important role in providing safe, healthy transportation alternatives. As such, they are worthy of proper funding. Please support this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth P. Lambert Jr.

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:18 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Protect bike riders

-----Original Message-----

**From:** margaret heller [mailto:mheller007@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:26 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Protect bike riders

Bike riders are tax paying citizens and trying to do the right thing by getting out of their gas guzzling cars (that support terrorism in the mid east) Please support SB265, SB266 and SB264 so we can support you!  
Show us that you are smart about transportation!

Margaret Heller  
217 69th Street  
Kenosha, Wi  
262-764-5979

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:18 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: support SB 265 please

-----Original Message-----

From: akinast chorus.net [mailto:akinast@chorus.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:28 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: support SB 265 please

HI,

Please support SB 265 for non-motorized trail funds. Sorely needed as cell phone use has brought catastrophic safety problems to roads. Bicyclists and pedestrians deserve to survive a trip to the grocery!

Sincerely,

Amy Kinast  
5018 Tomahawk Trail  
Madison, WI

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:18 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Funding for trails  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Tim Carls [mailto:timc@design-partners.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:34 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Funding for trails  
**Importance:** Low

Please support **Senate Bill 265 which creates a new \$10 million funding source (or 1% of state motor fuel taxes) for maintenance of non-motorized trails.**

We need more trails, better areas on roads for bikes for all around safety for adults and our children.

**Thank you,**

tim carls  
racine, WI  
Cyclist

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:18 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] SB 245  
**Importance:** Low

← 265?

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**From:** wersted@juno.com [mailto:wersted@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:44 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] SB 245  
**Importance:** Low

Senators:

Senate Bill 245 will create much needed funding for non-motorized trail maintenance by appropriating a small percentage of the motorized fuel tax. There is plenty of tax payer monetary support for cars, widening highways, ATVs and motorized recreational vehicle use, and too little tax payer support for non-motorized recreational trails. These trails provide relaxation, exercise, health benefits and nature education opportunities to our citizens and should be publically supported.

As a tax payer, and an active voter in Sen. Sullivan's district I urge your committee's support for this important bill.

Thank you,

Ed Werstein  
5935 W. Saint Paul Ave.  
Milwaukee 53213

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:19 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Senate Bill 265

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**From:** Claire Pettersen [mailto:claire.pettersen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 1:20 PM  
**To:** Claire Pettersen; claire.pettersen@ssec.wisc.edu  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 265

Hello,

My name is Claire Pettersen. I am a research engineer at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. During the six years I have been academic staff at the University, I have commuted via bike. Mostly due to the amazing trail, path, and bike lane system that Madison has established. I am a year-round commuter and really appreciate all the efforts that the city makes to keep the trails, paths, and lanes in good condition. During my years as a bike commuter I have helped others become part-time and year-round bike commuters as well. I am writing you in hopes that you recognize Madison's great commuter and recreational cycling community and will support SB 265.

Thank you for reading and if you are ever have questions on biking (commuting or recreational), feel free to email me.

Regards  
Claire

Claire Pettersen  
Research Engineer  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Space Science and Engineering Center  
608 772 6270

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:41 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Support SB 264, 265 and 266

**Importance:** Low

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Greg Hawley [mailto:greg@hawley.homeip.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:33 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale;  
Sen.Sullivan  
**Cc:** bkienert@new.rr.com  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Support SB 264, 265 and 266  
**Importance:** Low

Senators Holperin, Grothman, Kidzie, Leibham, Hansen, Plale & Sullivan---

As both a motorist and an avid bicyclist, I urge your support for for SB 264, 266 and especially 265. As someone out on the road both driving my car and riding my bicycle, I value and appreciate Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure. We should be proud of both our major highway system as well as the web of township roads.

Bicycling is an excellent way to make short trips, to commute modest distances and to stay healthy, if purely for fitness. Still, much should be done to improve the safety and utility of our transportation infrastructure to support bicycling and cyclists.

The use of \$10 million or 1% of motor fuel taxes is a start to fund and support projects related to non-motorized trails.

While fuel costs have returned to levels that are more tolerable (compared to the summer of 2008), as the global economy continues to grow, oil continues to remain scarce. In time this will trend gasoline and diesel costs higher. When that time comes, by making this investment in bicycling infrastructure, the State of Wisconsin will be demonstrating leadership creating and improving the cycling infrastructure.

In comparison to the overall state transportation budget, this funding is modest. In its impact to bicycle users of the state would be significant.

Please support these three bills.

---Greg Hawley, Appleton, Wisconsin  
Board Member and Secretary of the Oshkosh Cycling Club  
Speaking on my own behalf.

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:36 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Senate Bill 265

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**From:** Delucenay, Alexandra [mailto:[Alexandra\\_Delucenay@trekbikes.com](mailto:Alexandra_Delucenay@trekbikes.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:35 PM  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 265

As a voting member of Wisconsin, I would like to voice my support for Senate Bill 265.

Sincerely,

Alex deLucenay

Madison, Wisconsin

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 265

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**From:** Kristopher Imbrigotta [mailto:kristopher.imbrigotta@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:29 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** SB 265

Dear Senator,

I am writing in my support of Senate Bill 265  
**"Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance"**

Senate Bill 265 would create a much needed funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. The bill would allocate \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of non-motorized trails.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would administer the program in manner similar to existing programs that support motorized trails. This bill would grant local nonprofits and governments money to maintain existing non-motorized trails.

I urge you to also support this important bill!

Sincerely,

Kristopher Imbrigotta

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please Support Senate Bill 265

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**From:** Lamp, Kris [mailto:Kris\_Lamp@trekbikes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:00 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please Support Senate Bill 265

Dear Senator Holperin,  
I would just like to send you a note asking for your support on Senate Bill 265 in regards to funding for maintenance of non-motorized trails. The health of our communities depends on an alternative way of transportation. Way too many people would love to ride their bikes, but are afraid to do so.

Over the past two years, I have been riding my bike to the store and for other small trips. I now realize how difficult it can be. There aren't easy ways to get to the nearby store and businesses are not equipped to handle parking of bicycles. I believe supporting this bill will help change the way Wisconsin gets around. Yes, we have our cold times of the year, but there are many that do not slow down because of snow or cold.

Lets make Wisconsin a "Green" state and a healthy state!

Thank you,  
Kris Lamp

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 264, 265,266

**From:** Chuck & Chris Frinak [mailto:candcfrinak@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:03 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** SB 264, 265,266

Dear Sen. Holperin, Please consider positive action on the above bills. As a recreational biker, both mountain and road, and a family physician it is my opinion that we need easy access to bike trails and corridors free of motorized traffic. I wish our town had trails and bike lanes to make it safer for individuals to bike to school and work. Sincerely, Charles Frinak

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support Non-Motorized Trails in Wisconsin

**From:** Brian Porter [mailto:Brian@BRUCECO.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:18 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support Non-Motorized Trails in Wisconsin

**As an avid bicyclist and trail user, I urge you to support the following legislation:**

**Senate Bill 264 Trespassing Penalties for off-road motor vehicles**

Senate Bill 264 aims to discourage trespassing of off-road motorized vehicles on non-motorized trails and properties.

**Senate Bill 265 Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance**

Senate Bill 265 would create a much needed funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. The bill would allocate \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of non-motorized trails.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would administer the program in manner similar to existing programs that support motorized trails. This bill would grant local nonprofits and governments money to maintain existing non-motorized trails.

The bill was supported by the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Non-motorized Use, and it has received support from the horseback riding community and the Bike Federation.

**Senate Bill 266 Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Council**

Senate Bill 266 would create a council dedicated to non-motorized recreation and transportation.

**Thank You!**

**BRIAN PORTER**  
**5305 DENTON PLACE**  
**MADISON, WI 53711**  
**brian@bruceco.com**

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:37 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] SUPPORT Senate Bills 264,265,266  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** csenty@aol.com [mailto:csenty@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:27 PM  
**To:** Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Cc:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] SUPPORT Senate Bills 264,265,266  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Senators:

As an avid recreational cyclist, mt biker, hiker, and cross country skier and strongly urge your SUPPORT for

Senate Bill **264**  
Senate Bill **266**  
and  
**ESPECIALLY Senate Bill 265** - providing much needed funding for maintenance of non-recreational trails.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion and request your support,

Carolyn Senty  
Madison and Seeley, Wisconsin

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265

**Importance:** Low

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanette Froehle [mailto:moses@globaldialog.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:55 PM  
To: Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Plale; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Holperin;  
Sen.Grothman  
Subject: [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265  
Importance: Low

Hello all,

I am writing to voice my support for Senate Bill 265. I don't know how old you all are, but hopefully some of you are old enough to remember when we, as kids, biked everywhere and anywhere, safely. Or maybe you live in a small enough city that biking is still safe for kids and adults. Sadly, that is not true in most cities anymore.

Thanks to bike trails though, at the tender age of almost-57 I can and do still bike to work, the store, the library, besides using bike trails for recreation. My husband and I love to through the bikes on the car and head to somewhere in Wisconsin where there's a good bike trail, a bed and breakfast, and a restaurant or two. That's how we like to spend our vacation money - right here in Wisconsin, as long as we can find somewhere safe to bike. And we never have those bike trails to ourselves. Our commutes to work (he bikes too) are on crowded bike paths. When we get out in other parts of the state, we meet up with other vacationers, commuters, families, etc.

I urge you to invest in good, safe places for non-motorized vehicles in our beautiful state. A bike is by far the best seat from which to see it!

Sincerely,

Jeanette Froehle

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] I support BILL 265!!!  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Schalow, Chris [mailto:Chris\_Schalow@trekbikes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:47 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] I support BILL 265!!!  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Senator,

Please consider passing Bill 265. This is very important to me, as I am an avid biker and well maintained trains are invaluable, not to mention much safer to walk and ride on.

Since I started working for Trek bicycle I have fallen in love with biking, and it is now part of my lifestyle. I take my bike to any store that is nearby, rather than my car, and try to ride on the trails near my house pulling my kids as often as I can. I know there are more and more people like me getting into cycling every year, whether it is for fun, fitness, or to be more "green." This bill is crucial to help keep us safe and allow us to enjoy our rides!

Thank you for your support, and please do your best to get bill 265 passed!

**Chris Schalow**  
Trek Bicycle Corporation  
(920) 478-2191 x12689  
Fax: (920) 478-5646

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support Senate Bill 265, SB 266, & SB 264

-----Original Message-----

From: Adolph/Suzanne Rosenblatt [mailto:adsz@uwm.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:50 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 265, SB 266, & SB 264

PLEASE SUPPORT Senate Bill 265, SB 266, & SB 264. THANK YOU. We need to encourage bicycle riding, and walking, in every way possible!

Suzanne Rosenblatt  
4211 N Maryland Ave  
Shorewood WI 53211

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Suzanne's blog:

[http://www.shorewoodnow.com/blogs/communityblogs/between\\_yesterday\\_and\\_tomorrow.html](http://www.shorewoodnow.com/blogs/communityblogs/between_yesterday_and_tomorrow.html)

Online: Artwork by seven family members at <http://www.rosenblattgallery.com> ROSENBLATT GALLERY, 181 N. Broadway: Art by Adolph and Suzanne and guest artist, Deidre Prosen  
ARTASIA GALLERY, 181 N Broadway, & Carte Blanche Studios, 1024 S 5th:  
PAINTINGS by Eli Rosenblatt  
RIVERWEST CO-OP CAFE, 733 E Clarke St, Suzanne's Lithographs of Dancers in Motion, Oct. 1-31

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please Support Senate Bill 265-Funding for Non-Motorized trail maintenance

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**From:** Joan Blankenship [mailto:[joandarren@yahoo.com](mailto:joandarren@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:09 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please Support Senate Bill 265-Funding for Non-Motorized trail maintenance

**Dear Senator Holperin,**

**Please support Senate Bill 265 –Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance.**

Senate Bill 265 would create a much needed funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin 's non-motorized trails. The bill would allocate \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of non-motorized trails.

My wife and I use the non-motorized trails in Wisconsin all the time. They encourage people to exercise and, in turn, improve public health.  
Thank you.

Joan and Darren Blankenship  
5511 McGann Ln - Unit 209  
Fitchburg WI 53711-4953  
(608) 274-1173  
[joandarren@yahoo.com](mailto:joandarren@yahoo.com)

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Urgent Attention to SB 265 & SB 266  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** JoAnn Schmidt [mailto:jaschmidt@netwurx.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 3:45 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Cc:** Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Plale; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Urgent Attention to SB 265 & SB 266  
**Importance:** Low

**To the Senate committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

I am contacting you to urge your support of bill **SB 265** which creates funding for non-motorized trail maintenance.

I have been told that there is no tax increase planned for this bill because the funding would come from existing Wisconsin tax on fuel.

As a member of several non-profit horse trail groups in SE Wisconsin, I believe that we have a responsibility to all citizens in our state who enjoy use of our state park system. Unfortunately, sometimes too much emphasis is placed on organizations with lots of money, with big sponsors, or with loud voices. Their wishes should not dominate because of this.

Horses are animals, a part of nature, and as a part of nature should be considered a lower impact activity on the environment of the state parks, unlike motorized vehicles such as ATV's and Snowmobiles.

I feel very strongly that a healthy financial budget is vitally important to the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of non-motorized usage trails and co-usage trails.

Additionally, I would ask your support of bill **SB 266** which creates a non-motorized trail council in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), created to specifically address the needs of non-motorized users within our state park system. The governor would be directed to appoint a diverse council from statutorily specified categories. These categories include, but are not limited to: water trails, pedestrian travel, **equestrian trail** riding, long-distance hiking, nature-based activities (e.g., bird watching, nature study, hunting, fishing), snow sports (e.g., cross-country skiing and snowshoeing), bicycling, local forests and parks, trail accessibility, tourism promotion, tribal lands, and other appropriate areas.

I am specifically concerned with horse trail availability, quality, and access for trail riders and for those with driving carts as well. I also have an interest in trails for hikers, skiing and bicycling. However, I don't believe that the equestrian users get the same reasonable attention sometimes. We have specific needs

that for safety and usability are different than for other users. Parking is often a big problem for group riders because of the need for large trucks and trailers, at certain locations and on specific days. Mounting blocks and safe tie locations are also something that we would appreciate. Proper footing on any trail is something that is a safety concern for horses and riders or drivers at all times. Proper signs and maintenance of signs along roadways where equestrian trails cross are vitally important. I also believe there is a strong need for signs on common shared trails that teach about respecting the rights and safety of equestrian riders in the vicinity of other trail users.

There are many things that would make equestrian trail riding in Wisconsin a more enjoyable experience for both local and statewide residents, as well as for out of state visitors who come to explore what Wisconsin parks and forests have to offer. A non-motorized council would be a positive step. They can carry out studies and make recommendations to the legislature, the governor, the DNR, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) on matters related to non-motorized recreation transportation in our state parks and forests. In addition, the DNR and DOT would have a direct source to consult when they need to seek the advice regarding the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of our Wisconsin non-motorized trails.

As a voting resident of Wisconsin, I am urging you to support both SB 265 & SB 266. Please vote 'YES' in support of these bills.

Thank You.

*JoAnn Schmidt*

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:39 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support SB 265

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**From:** Peter Gray [mailto:phgray@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 2:58 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please support SB 265

Dear Senator Holperin:

Please support Senate Bill 265 to improve Wisconsin's non-motorized trail system.

Bike transportation infrastructure is worth supporting for so many reasons: for our health, to reduce traffic congestion, to create safe bike routes for kids, to help people save money by owning one less car, to improve recreation, and to reduce emissions.

Thank you for supporting SB 265!

Peter Gray  
(Madison 53705)

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Bill support

**From:** Brian Buttchen [mailto:[bbuttchen@saris.com](mailto:bbuttchen@saris.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 7:43 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Bill support

**I ask you to please show your support fro the following bills.  
These trails are not only grate for recreation but are also used for commuting.  
Thy help economy and cut down on fuel consumption and produce revenue.**

**Senate Bill 265 –Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance**

Senate Bill 265 would create a much needed funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. The bill would allocate \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of non-motorized trails.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would administer the program in manner similar to existing programs that support motorized trails. This bill would grant local nonprofits and government's money to maintain existing non-motorized trails.

The bill was supported by the Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Non-motorized Use, and it has received support from the horseback riding community and the Bike Fed. A strong public show of support is needed for this bill to have a chance at passing.

**Senate Bill 266 – Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Council**

Senate Bill 266 would create a council dedicated to non-motorized recreation and transportation. This bill is predicted to pass, and is worthy of your support.

**Senate Bill 264 – Trespassing Penalties for off-road motor vehicles**

Senate Bill 264 aims to discourage trespassing of off-road motorized vehicles on non-motorized trails and properties. This bill is also likely to pass, and is worthy of your support.

Thank you for your support  
Brian Buttchen

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**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 264 SB 265 SB 266

**From:** Brian Turany [mailto:briant@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 8:39 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** SB 264 SB 265 SB 266

Senator Holperin,

I recently learned that you have an opportunity to preserve, protect and improve a great resource for recreation and tourism revenue in Wisconsin. SB 264 SB 265 SB 266 are all important to the state, Wisconsin residents and tourists who come to Wisconsin to enjoy the states non motorized trails. Please support all three of these pieces of legislation.

Senate Bill 265 would create a funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. I biked the Military Ridge trail from Madison to Dodgeville in August. From my home it was a 102 mile ride and most of it was very pleasant and beautiful. I felt like I really got my moneys worth out of my state trail pass. However, the paved portion of the trail as I neared Dodgeville became treacherous. Sand and debris covered the trail and all it would take to ensure a safe experience would be to drive a sweeper through that portion of the trail. However I am sure that that is a low priority and the small amount of funds it would take may not be there. Unfortunately, without that sort of basic maintenance, the that portion of the trail looks nearly abandoned. Much bigger projects, like bridge maintenance could put the trail in real peril if they are allowed to pass unfunded.

Senate Bill 266 would create a council dedicated to non-motorized recreation and transportation. What a great idea. Issues like the maintenance of trails could be discussed and a council of knowledgeable citizens could really help Wisconsin's motorized tourism and recreation industry.

Senate Bill 264 would discourage trespassing of off-road motorized vehicles on non-motorized trails and properties. Another great idea. What an incredible hazard that should not be treated lightly. I often ride my bike upwards of 20 mph on trails and would shudder to think about what would happen is I say and motorcycle or quad barreling at me at an equal or double the speed.

Brian Turany  
briant@tds.net  
608-513-7369

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] SENATE BILL 265

**Importance:** Low

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Muraski [mailto:muraski@centurytel.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 7:43 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale;  
Sen.Sullivan  
Subject: [Possible Spam] SENATE BILL 265  
Importance: Low

Dear Senators

I am a current member of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin.

I strongly support Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266, but especially 265. The US, but more specifically, Wisconsin must join the rest of the world supporting non motorized transportation. As a former employee of the DOT, I know they will not spend any of their funding on these initiatives unless they are forced to.

The small city I live in, is trying to build a sidewalk from one school to the other and no local residents will allow a sidewalk or bike lane on their streets. Their rebuttal is, "why build a sidewalk, everyone drives anyway".

Gas will go to \$4/gal soon/again and we can be prepared or not. A significant part of the reason gas prices escalate is we have no alternative methods of transportation so suppliers can charge what they want. Lets do something to stop this today, and create a greener friendlier society in the process. I have send out email and letters in the past supporting the process of building a separate non-motorized path alongside of every mile of new or rebuilt highway in the US, and I still support that legislation.

It's in your hands.

Thank you for your help in this very important issue.

Mark Muraski

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please vote in favor of Senate Bills 264, 265 & 266

**From:** Mokolke-Heineman, Rachel [mailto:Rachel\_Heineman@trekbikes.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 1:29 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please vote in favor of Senate Bills 264, 265 & 266

*Senate Bill 265 –Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance*  
*Senate Bill 266 – Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Council*  
*Senate Bill 264 – Trespassing Penalties for off-road motor vehicles*

**After considering the language of these Bills, we respectfully request that you act in favor of them at every opportunity. There is so much that can (and needs to) be done to continue to develop as well as preserve Wisconsin so that it becomes a premier state for healthy living - these bills are one step in that process. Thank you for your positive action!**

**Rachel Mokolke-Heineman**  
**Middleton, Wisconsin**

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Senate Bills 264-266

-----Original Message-----

From: BRIAN WILLIAM HUTTENBURG [mailto:bwhutten@wisc.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 11:13 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Support of Senate Bills 264-266

Dear Senator Holperin,

I hope this email finds you well.

I'm writing to express my support of the Senate Bills 264, 265, and 266, which address non-motorized recreation. As a native of Wisconsin, I've been very privileged to grow up in a state that has so much accessible open space that allows for truly experiencing the outdoors in a more natural and peaceful way.

But as our populations grows, and our outdoors become more and more crowded with encroaching development, protecting the remaining areas of our state that provide real escapes from the modern hectic life are even more critically important. Hearing the whine of an ATV or snowmobile destroys the precious soundscapes that I believe are important to experience regularly to maintain a healthy balance in life.

I urge you and your colleagues to support these bills, especially Senate Bill 265. I believe it is crucial to provide even greater access to the natural world free of modern intrusions.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Brian Huttenburg  
UW Law Student

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:14 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265 –Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** LG Friedrichs [mailto:lgfcaf@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:17 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265 –Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Wisconsin State Senators:

I recently had the opportunity to take a week off to ride bike trails in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In Wisconsin we rode the 400 Trail and The Great River Road Trail staying overnight in LaCrosse for both rides. In Minnesota, we rode the Mesabi Trail, Lake Wobegon Trail and the Harmony Trail.

Wisconsin's trails are fine with the limestone finings but the Minnesota trails are wonderful. They are asphalt and well maintained.

I think we need to start with an adequate funding source which you have the opportunity to provide with Senate Bill 265. Please do what is right for the future of a green Wisconsin.

Thank you.

L.G. Friedrichs  
(262) 820-8711  
Sussex, Wi

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:14 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate bill 265

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**From:** John Durham [mailto:prong@mtc.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:21 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate bill 265

Senator Holperin: I am writing to urge you to strongly support Senate bill 265 creating a new funding source for nonmotorized trails including bike trails. I am an avid biker especially since my retirement and everywhere I go, when the trails improve, the quality of life in the area does also. Also we need to try to follow what our neighbor Minnesota has done in setting up an excellent and extensive system of statewide bike trails. All of this takes money but I am convinced the investment is worth it in improving the quality of life, attracting tourists, and attracting younger, active energetic people to the state of Wisconsin, as well as providing an alternative to motorized transportation. Sincerely, John Durham, 707 17th Street, Mosinee, WI 54455

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:14 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 265 and related

**From:** Shayne [mailto:labudda@chorus.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:37 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** SB 265 and related

Dear Senator Holperin

The purpose of my message is to make clear my support for Senate Bill 265 and its critical funding of nonmotorized trails in our lovely state. A native of the state, and an enthusiastic user of its recreational attributes, I look forward to enhanced opportunities to enjoy a variety of human-powered activities, in all seasons, throughout as much of the state as possible. I urge you and your committee members to continue to move this bill forward. From your region of the state Senator, I assume you recognize the importance of all tourism.

Both my wife and I have lengthy (automobile) commutes for our work. The amount of fuel tax we pay is not insignificant. I feel justified in giving voice to support the appropriation of 1% of this tax to be allocated to biking/hiking/skiing trails.

In the same spirit, I also support the adoption of Senate Bills 266 and 264, creating a Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Council, and increased penalties for trespassing by ATVs snowmobiles, and other off-road motorized vehicles.

Sincerely,

Shayne A LaBudda  
151 North Tyler Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
labudda@pcii.net  
608 723 2112

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:14 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

-----Original Message-----

From: John Siegert [mailto:playtwo@bigplanet.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:17 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Cc: Sen.Lehman  
Subject: Support for Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

Dear Sen. Holperin,

I'm typing to let you know of my strong support for the above bills.

I especially support 265, which would create a funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. Such a source already exists for motorized trails, whose users are far less numerous. It is important that we bring equity in funding and support for non-motorized trails.

I'm an avid hiker and mountain biker, and have contributed numerous hours of volunteer labor to build, maintain and improve trails on state land throughout Wisconsin.

Thank you, John Siegert/Racine

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:15 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Senate Bill 265

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**From:** todd.lindow@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:todd.lindow@thomsonreuters.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 8:05 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 265

Hello,

As a bike commuter (26 miles one way) to work, I support bill 265 and I hope you will too. Currently I use part of the Milwaukee Oak Leaf trail along with several public roads. Often times, I have close calls with traffic due to lack of bike lanes, narrow roads, etc.

thanks

**Todd Lindow**  
Technical Unit Specialist 2  
**Thomson Reuters**

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Mobile: (262) 957-7676

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**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:19 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support of SB 265

**From:** Michael Leger [mailto:michael.leger@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:41 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support of SB 265

Dear Senator Holperin;

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of SB 265 - Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance, as well as it's sister bills SB 264 and SB 266. SB 265 would provide very welcome support for our wonderful trail system here in Wisconsin. It's one of our greatest features - well maintained trails - that provide a great benefit for residents as well as tourists.

As a resident, I feel extremely fortunate to have regular access to non-motorized trails. I can ride to work, enjoy the scenery, breath in the fresh air, all without worrying about motorized vehicles. This same benefit applies when people come to visit our state. On a regular basis, I read about how our trails very favorably compare to the neighboring states.

Please strongly consider favorably moving this bill out of committee. Present and future generations of non-motorized travellers will be very grateful you did.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Leger  
7137 Lindfield Rd  
Madison, WI 53719

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:19 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 264, 265, 266

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Chris Schoggen [mailto:csllpol@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 4:54 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** SB 264, 265, 266

**To:** Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources Chair,  
Senator Jim Holperin  
**RE:** Support for SSB 264, 265, 266  
**Dear Mr. Chairman:**

Please use your leadership position to move Senate Bills 264, 265 & 266 on for passage by the full Senate. Maintaining an effective non-motorized trail system encourages healthy activities which can reduce health care costs through better fitness of users of the trails. When the trails are well and predictably maintained, more people are likely to use them. In addition, some of these trails can ease both traffic congestion and air quality by encouraging human-powered commuting. All three of these bills, as you are well aware, speak to these issues in various ways.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Schoggen  
csllpol@charter.net  
414 Summit St  
Hartford, WI 53027

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:19 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Yes on SB 265

**Importance:** Low

-----Original Message-----

From: Sweeney, Ann [mailto:duca.sweeney@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 5:06 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin; Sen.Plale; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen;  
Sen.Sullivan  
Subject: [Possible Spam] Yes on SB 265  
Importance: Low

Greetings, Senators.

I'm writing to request your support for Senate Bill 265, which would provide much-needed funding for Wisconsin's non-motorized trails.

As a downtown Madison resident, I'm keenly aware of the positive impact of non-motorized trails on the urban environment. Each and every bike commuter means less motorized congestion on city streets, not to mention less fossil fuel purchased and burned, a reduction which benefits both our economy and our environment.

And as a resident tourist of Wisconsin, I value the up-close, low-impact access non-motorized trails provide to our state's natural and civic beauty.

To function and thrive, our trails need the sort of careful maintenance and oversight SB 265 would allow. I urge you to support this important bill, and thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Ann Sweeney  
Madison

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:20 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

-----Original Message-----

From: Jody Clowes [mailto:clowes@wisc.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:16 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Senate Bill 265

Dear Senator,

I feel strongly that Senate Bill 265 deserves your support to pass. I'm not a very athletic person or a serious cyclist, but I try to commute to work on my bicycle whenever I can. I can tell you from experience that a badly maintained bike trail is a major deterrent for all but the most committed bikers.

Being jostled by potholes and roadway seams in your car is one thing-- on a bike it is seriously bone-jarring. I know two people personally who've been thrown off their bikes by an unexpected pothole, both of whom are experienced bicyclists.

If we are serious about reducing emissions and traffic headaches, we need to keep the bike and other trails well-maintained so that ordinary people like me will be encouraged to use them regularly.

Thank you for listening!  
Yours sincerely,

Jody Clowes  
1017 Colby St.  
Madison WI 53715

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Patrick Molzahn [mailto:mariaandpatrick@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:05 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Senate Bill 265  
**Importance:** Low

Honorable State Senators; I am most excited to hear about SB 265, which will help maintain our state's non-motorized trail system. I ask that you support this bill, which will benefit tourism, recreational and commuter riders. Use of the trails has far reaching effects, such as a lower impact on the environment and increased physical fitness to name a few. Please help make WI a bicycle friendly state we can be proud of. Thank you,

Patrick Molzahn  
459 N Main  
Oregon, WI 53575

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

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**From:** meldi793@aim.com [mailto:meldi793@aim.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:43 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Cc:** info@bfw.org; mmotiff@bayfieldcounty.org; Patrickearing@gmail.com; PAreson@smdc.org; joegroshek@centurytel.net  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 265

Senator Holperin,

I am a resident of Bayfield, and an officer of the biking group, "North Coast Cycling Association." I am very concerned about the fate of Senate Bill 265, and I urge you to give it your strong support. The funds allocated to development and maintenance of trails/paths will pay long-term dividends towards a healthy public and green environment.

Please inform your committee that the North Coast Cycling Association firmly endorses Senate Bill 265.

Sincerely,

Mel Whiteside  
President, NCCA

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Senate Bills 265, 266 & 264

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**From:** Mike Charron, Vice President [mailto:vp@humanpoweredtrails.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bills 265, 266 & 264

I am writing to ask for your support for the above bills.

As a Volunteer and citizen, I look for smart uses of tax dollars. In this case, the La Crosse area is building a trail system that has already been recognized state wide and has gained attention nationally. We are building a system that will develop positive economic benefits for this region of Wisconsin in a way that does not harm, but, rather, enhances the environment. Some tax dollars will be leveraged with private dollars to create a larger funding source to build and maintain this trail system. This will be a smart use of tax resources.

In order to further develop this system and build it in a timely fashion so that our region can reap the benefits this system will bring, we will need some funding and attention that these three bills provide.

I ask you to please support these bills.

Thank you.

Mike Charron

**Mike Charron**  
Volunteer, Vice President  
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La Crosse, WI 54601  
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608-386-2036

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

-----Original Message-----

From: Ishi Buffam (home) [mailto:ishibuffam@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:35 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Senate Bill 265

Dear Senator Holperin,

As a Madison resident and frequent user of local and regional bicycle trails for commuting and for recreation, I feel very strongly about the importance of the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of non-motorized trails. Please support Senate Bill 265, and also Senate Bills 264 and 266!

Sincerely Yours,

Ishi Buffam

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

**From:** Barbara Woodhouse [mailto:bjwoodhouse1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:21 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support of Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

Dear Senator Hoperin,

I am writing today to register my strong support for the following Senate Bills:

SB 264: I support the amendment of the statutes related to trespass by operators motorized recreational vehicles. As a volunteer trail builder for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail I have put in hundreds of hours alongside many other volunteers carefully constructing by hand foot paths that have a minimal impact on their natural environment and that are sustainable (resistant to erosion and wear). It is heartbreaking to expend this kind of effort only to have it destroyed in an instant by motorized traffic it was never built to withstand. Off road motorized vehicles make a huge impact on the environment in which they are used. If that environment is built to withstand that type of use that is one thing, but used outside of a designated environment the damage is just too much to ask a land owner of any type, private or public, to endure. It should be assumed that off road vehicle use is prohibited in any area unless it is specifically designed and designated to be open to such use. Placing the burden upon the property owner to specify land use restriction is onerous and contributes to signage pollution of outdoor environments.

SB 265: I support the authorization of the DNR to expend funds in a non-motorized trail maintenance and use program. While 1% of the motor fuel tax is a minimal amount, it has the potential to make a huge impact in the development of non-motorized recreational opportunities. While motorized off-road activities tend to be enjoyed only by the subset of the population that can afford to purchase, maintain, and legally operate an off-road vehicle, non-motorized trails can be used by citizens of all ages and many differing abilities. Non-motorized trails contribute to the protection of the environment in which they are constructed and offer recreational activities that promote the health and well being of our citizens. Expansion of non-motorized trails increases the recreational opportunities for all the citizens of our state in addition to promoting tourism which improves local economies.

SB 266 I am very much in favor of the creation of a Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council. If we are serious about promoting and protecting these kinds of recreational opportunities it is necessary to have some strategic planning and oversight.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions,

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Wollmer  
6345 Viaduct Rd.  
Dane, WI 53529

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:45 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Woods [mailto:bwoods@mwwb.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:01 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject:

Dear Senator,

We recently retired to Wisconsin from Illinois. An important influence in our decision was the safe maintenance of snowshoeing and x-country ski trails.

We have been, frankly, appalled at the state legislature's timid approach to the drunk driving dilemma and trust you will not jeopardize the 'off road' activities for folks like us.

Thank you for supporting senate bills 264,265 & 266- Barb & Jack Woods Westfield, WI.

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:45 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

-----Original Message-----

From: ROSE M MAIER [mailto:maier1@wisc.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 10:22 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Senate Bill 265

I just want to let you know that funding for non motorized trails is important to me, and I vote. Reducing emissions from cars is an important step in improving the environment, and nothing could help that cause better than making car-alternatives easier to access and use. Please do what's best for Wisconsin and support Bill 265.

Sincerely,  
Rose Maier

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:46 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Haasch Jane [mailto:janeeh@g2a.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:41 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

Senator Holperin:

Please extend to your entire committee my support as a user of the Ice Age Trail all three bills 264, 265, 266. This trail is a national treasure that needs all the support it can get. I have been using and working on these trails for decades.

Thank you.

Jane Haasch  
N428 East Road  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
715-258-5664

**Novak, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:05 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bill 265

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**From:** JJK III [mailto:jkueber@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 12:23 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 265

I am writing from Bruce, WI to urge that Senator Holperin vote for Senate Bill 265. This Bill would provide such Transportation Enhancements projects as trails and other walking and bicycling infrastructure. These projects are highly valued in my community, and we need more safe and convenient opportunities to walk and bike.

Jacob J Kueber Jr  
1109 E Chippewa Ave  
Bruce, WI 54819

jkueber@charter.net

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:05 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] support Senate Bill 265

**Importance:** Low

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From: Mark M Giese [mailto:m.mk@juno.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:47 AM  
To: Sen.Lehman; Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen;  
Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
Subject: [Possible Spam] support Senate Bill 265 *& 266 & 264*  
Importance: Low

Please support:

Senate Bill 265 -Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance

Senate Bill 265 would create a much needed funding source for the maintenance of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. The bill would allocate \$10 million or 1 percent of state motor fuel taxes, whichever is less, to be spent on the maintenance of non-motorized trails.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would administer the program in manner similar to existing programs that support motorized trails. This bill would grant local nonprofits and governments money to maintain existing non-motorized trails.

--Mark M Giese  
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## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:05 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SB 264, SB 265, and SB 266

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From: JayPee [mailto:mrjustinpitts@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 12:24 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Support for SB 264, SB 265, and SB 266

Hello,

I'm contacting you in order to ask that you support Senate Bill 265, Funding for Non-motorized Trail Maintenance. As a resident of Wisconsin, I'm proud of the fact that we have one of the most extensive networks of multi-use trails in the country. Continued funding is imperative for these trails and the alternative modes of transportation and recreation they support.

To that end, I would also like to ask you to support Senate Bill 266 (Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Council) and Senate Bill 264 (Trespassing Penalties for off-road motor vehicles), both of which will help continue to make our trails great.

Thank you for your work and your support,

Sincerely,

Justin Pitts  
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715-309-9260