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**The Honorable Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye
And Associate Justices
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-4797**

Re: *Williams v County of Sonoma* (2020) 55 Cal.App.5th 125
First Appellate Dist., Division 5, No. A156819
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Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye and Associate Justices:

I am writing you not as a trial lawyer of 37 years, but as an experienced bicyclist. I appreciate the fair application of law to reality. Here, recreational bicycling.

The Court of Appeal got it right by refusing to extend the primary assumption of risk doctrine in its decision.

It's decision forces public entities to take responsibility for neglected roads, and protects recreational bicycling, an increasingly popular and healthy sport.

As a private practitioner, I can tell you it is almost impossible for an injured bicyclist to mount the resources to win against all the public entities defenses. With Covid-19 and the back logged courts, cities have no incentive to pay victims either. Adding another defense to their quiver would be fatal to protecting bicyclist safety.

The *Williams v. Sonoma* (2020) 55 Cal.App.5th 125 case shines the guiding light of legal precedent across the great State of California. I believe the law is wise and fair, as was the Court of Appeals decision.

Publication is the right decision.

Most Sincerely,
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