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Dear Board of Directors, Minnesota Cycling Center, Inc.

The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota is pleased to express our support for the Minnesota Cycling Center (MCC), an indoor velodrome/multi-purpose facility proposed to be built in Northeast Minneapolis. We understand the MCC's mission and purpose is to provide an indoor climate controlled venue for educational, athletic and entertainment events for everyone from neighborhood youth to internationally known athletes and performers. We also understand and support your efforts to seek funding from a variety of public and private sources, including the Minnesota Legislature.

We believe that the MCC facility, easily accessible by bicycle or bus could provide a perfect destination for the following:

- after school and day time field trip opportunities for learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts, riding the velodrome track with MCC-supplied track bikes and learning basic bicycling skills
- community cycling activities, including "Learn to Ride" events, bicycle rodeos and racing competitions
- bicycle advocacy group meetings and discussions

The Mission of the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota is to provide leadership and a unified voice for bicycle education, advocacy and efforts to make Minnesota more bicycle-friendly so that more people will ride bicycles more often. The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota can better support that Mission through our partnership with the Minnesota Cycling Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Minnesota Cycling Center.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director