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Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,  
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**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.

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## 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 2:41 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**

**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**

**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**  
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**MADISON, WI 53711**  
**brian@bruceco.com**

**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

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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**

**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

**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**

**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  
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**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]  
**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

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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: 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**

**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](mailto:labudda@pcii.net)  
608 723 2112

## 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**

**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**

**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 11:43 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 for Senate Bills 265, 266 & 264

**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  
Human Powered Trails, Inc.  
119 N. 19th Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
[www.HumanPoweredTrails.com](http://www.HumanPoweredTrails.com)  
608-386-2036

## 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 11:46 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: Support for SB 264, SB 265, and SB 266

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

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  
Menomonie, WI  
715-309-9260

## 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

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

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  
1520 Bryn Mawr Ave  
Racine, WI 53403

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:45 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Legislation Preference

**From:** Nancy Frank [mailto:oppty@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:09 AM  
**To:** Frank Nancy  
**Subject:** Legislation Preference

Senator -

I may not be from your district, but utilize a resource that winds through and provides recreation and aesthetic value to all people, from Wisconsin or not. It is the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. That 1,000 mile trail would benefit from the following bills, and I encourage you to support them.

**Senate Bill 264** expands violation enforcement of trespass by operators of snowmobiles, ATVs and other off-road vehicles.

**Senate Bill 265 creates a new \$10 million funding source (or 1% of state motor fuel taxes) for maintenance of non-motorized trails.** This is not a new tax. It is funding that is currently allocated to the DOT.

**Senate Bill 266** creates a Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council to administer the funding.

Thank you,

Nancy Frank

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:45 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Sen bills 264-265-266

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**From:** Wanda & Dave Brown [<mailto:wdbrown@centurytel.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 7:49 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Sen bills 264-265-266

**Senate Bill 264** expands violation enforcement of trespass by operators of snowmobiles, ATVs and other off-road vehicles.

**Senate Bill 265** creates a new \$10 million funding source (or 1% of state motor fuel taxes) for maintenance of non-motorized trails. This is not a new tax. It is funding that is currently allocated to the DOT.

**Senate Bill 266** creates a Non-motorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council to administer the funding.

Please support all 3 bills. Silent recreation needs support !!! thanks.

Wanda Brown APRN, CIC  
St. Croix Reg Medical Ctr  
St. Croix Fall, WI 54024  
Work: 715-483-0416  
Home: 715-483-9469  
e-mail wk: [wanda.brown@scrmc.org](mailto:wanda.brown@scrmc.org)  
e-mail Hm: [wdbrown@centurytel.net](mailto:wdbrown@centurytel.net)

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:51 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bills 264, 265 & 266

**From:** David Cash [mailto:deconlawrence@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:57 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate Bills 264, 265 & 266

Please support the passage of these bills.

David and Margaret Cash  
Ice Age Trail members  
Whitewater, WI

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:51 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] Support 264,265,266  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** leah bradley [mailto:haelyeldarb4@bluefrog.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 1:04 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie@legis.wisconsin.gov; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan;  
Sen.Leibham  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Support 264,265,266  
**Importance:** Low

Please support these bills(264, 265, 266) for non-motorized trails in Wisconsin today!!

I am an avid user of all hiking trails and a perpetual Ice Age Trail volunteer.

Thank You!

Leah Bradley

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:51 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

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

From: Dorothy Jeffries [mailto:djeff@centurytel.net]  
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 6:05 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Support of Senate Bills 264, 265, 266

Dear Senator Holperin

I am writing in support of Senate Bills 264, 265, 266.  
I am a user and volunteer worker on these non-motorized trails.

These trails are great for the physical, mental, and spiritual health of users!  
They aid in a solution to most current problems - health, energy,  
environment, ethics.  
They need further support.

And they need more protection.  
They should be patriotic trail - red, white, and blue.  
A place where folks of the red and the blue persuasion meet.  
And with pure white snow in winter, not dirt churned up by machines.

Thank you for your consideration!

Dorothy Jeffries  
Osceola, WI



## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:51 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Bill 264,265 and 266

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

**From:** Lisa Ruesch [mailto:lruesch@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 6:44 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Bill 264,265 and 266

Good Morning,

As an avid user and diligent volunteer for the Ice Age Trail Alliance, I ask that you support and sign Bills 264, 265 and 266. All of the bills will ensure our continued use and development of this important project. These bills will continue to protect the public hiking areas and allow them to develop so that even more people can enjoy them. Please support Bills 264, 265 and 266 today.

thank you,  
Lisa Ruesch  
Brookfield, WI

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:52 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: SB 265

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

From: Art & Cathy [mailto:artcathy@wi.rr.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 7:26 PM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: SB 265

Dear Senator Holperin,

As a cyclist I enjoy many of Wisconsin's non-motorized trails. These trails give us a safe place to ride away from traffic. Maintaining these trails in Wisconsin also gives a boost to tourism. Please support SB 265 as well as SB 264 & 266.

Thank you, Art Hicks, President, Kenosha Racine Bike Club

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:52 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: please support Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

**From:** Krist Pottorff [mailto:kristpottorff@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 8:05 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** please support Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

Please support Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

Krist Pottorff  
6014 5th Ave  
Kenosha, WI. 53143

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:52 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support Senate Bills 264, 265, & 266

**From:** Richard Wickham [mailto:wickham920@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 9:19 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please support Senate Bills 264, 265, & 266

Senator,

Please support Senate Bills 264, 265, & 266 and continue to bring great cycling opportunities to the citizens and tourists of Wisconsin.

Cordially,  
R.J. Wickham  
Omro, WI

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:53 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW:

**From:** LEE HAZLETT [mailto:lee\_hazlett@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 5:35 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:**

Please support Bills 264, 265, 266

Lee Hazlett  
N2553 7th Ave  
Hancock, WI 54943  
715-228-3193

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:53 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] support please  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** Sharon Pomaville [mailto:sharonpomaville@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 5:34 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] support please  
**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.

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

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

Thank you,

Sharon Pomaville  
Salem, WI 53168

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:53 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support

**From:** Jan & Mike Bauer [mailto:caw@lakeland.ws]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 5:11 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please support

Senate Bills 264, 265 and 266

Mike Bauer  
Cushing WI

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:55 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] support senate bills 264 primarily, and also 265, 266  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** b delaney [mailto:bdelaney1@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:29 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] support senate bills 264 primarily, and also 265, 266  
**Importance:** Low

Greetings,

My name is Barb Delaney and I am a plant ecologist/botanist contractor. I work in northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota for various government agencies and conservation groups. I have seen first-hand the long-lasting, negative impacts of motorized off-road vehicles on our native forest and wetland habitats when the vehicles do not abide by the rules and stay on designated motorized trails on public land. Please support the important change in wording provided in SB 264.

I am also in support of SB 265 and 266.

Thank you,  
Barb Delaney  
1038 200th St  
Dresser, WI 54009  
tel 715-294-3635



**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 8:55 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support SB 264, SB 265 and SB 266

**From:** Marvin Wanders [mailto:marvin@threesixty.bz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:07 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Please support SB 264, SB 265 and SB 266

Please support SB 264, SB 265 and SB 266

Marvin Wanders  
119 N 19th Street  
La Crosse WI 54601  
Office: 608-782-RENT (7368)  
Cell: 608-317-4678  
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**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 1:10 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: In Support of Senate Bills 264, 265, and 266

**From:** Richard Aylward [mailto:raylward@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2009 9:42 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Cc:** Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan; Michael Robillard; Amy Aylward  
**Subject:** In Support of Senate Bills 264, 265, and 266

Sen. Holperin,

Fist off, I hope that I am not too late. I realize that the TTFNR subcommittee meeting was on Sept. 17th. Unfortunately, this came to my attention far too late for me to respond prior to that meeting. I am copying the TTFNR committee. To all of you - if Senate bills 264, 265, and 266 are still alive then please tally our support.

My name is Richard Aylward. My wife Amy and I manage and own Tara Lila LLC. Tara Lila was created to purchase land in Vilas and Oneida counties for the express purpose of long-term conservation and public trail development. At 1500 acres and growing, It is an entirely altruistic private enterprise. We are not a 501(c)(3) and are entirely funded from private assets. In addition, we are 2009 Pathfinder Award winners for our support of silent trails in the Fox River Valley through Fox Cities Greenways. As a state legislator I hope that you can respect the significance of that and lend me your attention for a few minutes.

You may know my name from two or three places. First, Amy and I were regular supporters of Trees' youth education programs during your tenure. Second, I may be mistaken but I believe you took a bike ride on the Three Eagle Trail last year with Gov. Doyle and that bike ride included Mike Robillard. Mike is our Property Manager responsible for public trail development on our Oneida and Vilas County lands. In addition to participating in the the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trail Council and it's subcommittees Tara Lila has a seat on the Three Eagle Trail Foundation board. I believe you know Three Eagle Trail Foundation president Tom Rulseh as well. Without Tom Rulseh, Tara Lila may not exist and I would not be writing this.

Tara Lila is committed to silent trail development in the area. This is demonstrated by our willingness to give our own time, money, land, and sweat to make Eagle River and the surrounding region a "go-to" destination for silent sport enthusiasts.

We are currently in the process of organizing a silent trails advocacy group for Vilas and Northern Oneida County. This group would attempt to coordinate activities between disparate, smaller trail groups as well as create a central communication pipeline for dealings with NCWRPC, state and federal agencies, and other NGOs. Our initial meeting was a resounding success and it was clear that there is a very real need and enthusiasm for such a group.

9/22/2009

The reason I mention this group is that Senate Bills 264, 265, and 266 have the potential to make our efforts more effective. I can almost guarantee you that, were a vote to be held, our group would overwhelmingly support those bills. I only wish we would have started sooner and had the opportunity to petition the state as a united force. As it is, I will be passing along information on the referenced bills to the attendees of our initial meeting and asking them all to email you and your colleagues in support of these bills.

I feel compelled to add is this - the people that will form the core of our group - and support silent trails in general - are not all of one political persuasion. We are not all Democrats or Republicans, liberal or conservative. But *we all care* about the future of tourism in Vilas and Oneida Counties as more people seek healthier forms of recreation, alternate "greener" forms of transportation, and less aggressive ways of enjoying our peerless Northern woodlands. Please help us launch our endeavor with a tail wind by supporting WI Senate Bills 264, 265, and 266.

In addition, should Senate Bill 266 eventually become law, I encourage you to solicit our group for council members by contacting me directly. The background and mix of the proposed council is similar to that of our own fledgling association.

On behalf of Tara Lila and the Vilas/Oneida silent sport community I thank you very much,

Richard "Dick" Aylward

**Tara Lila LLC/Mushy Lake LLC**

1155 Irish Road  
Neenah WI 54956  
Phone: 920-727-1656  
iPhone: 920-540-5023

**Vilas/Oneida Operations**

571 Bloom Road  
Eagle River WI 54521  
Phone: 920-727-1656

raylward@att.net

CC: Sen. Grothman, Sen. Kedzie, Sen. Leibham, Sen. Plale, Sen. Sullivan  
Amy Aylward, Tara Lila LLC  
Michael Robillard, Tara Lila LLC

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:18 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: [Possible Spam] non-motorized funding YES  
**Importance:** Low

**From:** Joy Hagen [mailto:joyous4all@new.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2009 10:57 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham; Sen.Plale; Sen.Sullivan  
**Cc:** joyous4all@new.rr.com  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] non-motorized funding YES  
**Importance:** Low

September

Dear Wisconsin Senators:

Senate Bill 265- please support this bill! I have recently started a trails advocacy group in Appleton/Grand Chute, WI called North STARS, and am really excited about how quickly my group is growing. Citizens want more trails! Please support Bill 265, as well as Bills 264 and 266. We the citizens of Wisconsin need all three of these bills to pass. This is how we want our tax dollars spent.....for trails which benefit people of all ages and all income brackets for the benefit of citizen's health and the health of our environment. Please pass these bills.

Sincerely,

Joy Hagen  
55 N Meadow Row Ct.  
Appleton, WI 54913

920-734-6455

## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:49 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate Bills 264-265-266

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

**From:** Bruce & Ruby Jaecks [mailto:brjaecks@dwave.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 01, 1998 3:48 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate Bills 264-265-266

Dear Senator Holprerin

Please consider passage of the 3 Senate Bills- 264-265-266. They are very important to non-motorized trail users. Hiking has become a way of life for us. The health benefits and enjoyment of the trails is tremendous.

We are Ice Age trail members and feel we have benifitted greatly from the trail system .

Thank you

Bruce and Ruby Jaecks

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## Novak, Elizabeth

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**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:49 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Please support these bills!

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

From: Steven Meurett [mailto:smeurett@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 7:38 AM  
To: Sen.Holperin  
Subject: Please support these bills!

Dear Senator Holperin,

I am writing to ask your support of the following bills-We feel these would greatly benefit the non-motorized community in Wisconsin. As a volunteer for the past 26 years working on public trails here in Clark County and other locations in the state, I can say from firsthand experience how important passage of these bills would be for our "silent Sports" in Wisconsin.

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 Fed.

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

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.

Thank you,  
Steve Meurett  
President  
Neillsville Area Trail Association

**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Support for SB-264, SB-265, and SB-266

**From:** Darren Salsbury [mailto:DSalsbury@Pacific-Cycle.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 1:07 PM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Support for SB-264, SB-265, and SB-266

Dear Senator Holperin,

As a member of the bicycle industry here in Wisconsin, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, and the International Mountain Bike Association I am urging you to support the following measures. I feel these are important steps to making our state flourish economically, environmentally, and lead to healthier lives. Thanks in advance for your attention to these matters.

**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.

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

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

**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.

Best regards,

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**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:57 PM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Senate bills 264,265,266

**From:** Jeannie Kant [mailto:kantcon@pressenter.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 10:09 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Senate bills 264,265,266

Although we cannot attend the hearing today, we are writing in support of these bills. We are active members of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, helping to build and maintain non-motorized trails. We would very much like to see them pass. Thank you.

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**From:** Crass, Sara [mailto:Sara\_Crass@trekbikes.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** We want trails to bike on!!

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

Also please support SB 266 & SB 264 so we can advance the sport of cycling in WI. Cycling is making a HUGE impact on the state, it brings in tons of revenue from local bike companies, it saves \$ in health care costs because people are being pro-active with healthy lifestyles & it reduces our impact on the environment. Please please please support these efforts!

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