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Letter: Greetings,

Protect legal crossing rights for ALL pedestrians in our community! Don't repeal the crossing ordinance. Instead, please look for sensible solutions to the problems we're facing... more enforcement of dangerous driving behavior (including not stopping at crosswalks), community wide education and adequate, consistent engineering. A repeal of this ordinance would mean the Ann Arbor becomes the ONLY community in the nation that we're aware of to essentially deny pedestrians the right-of-way.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michelle Briggs Wedaman	Fort Wayne, IN	2013-10-21	Ann Arbor, in passing this basic ordinance change, became a national leader by becoming a safer, more livable city for walkers. Don't turn the clocks back on this vital rule that motorists help protect their fellow movers who are on foot. Instead, continue demonstrating leadership by strengthening infrastructure and protections of nonmotorized traffic, thus becoming more vibrant & economically strong - as a more walkable city. Now is the time to be bold and determined.
Thaddeus Weakley	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	The best way to protect pedestrians is increased education and enforcement to go with infrastructure improvements like the pedestrian "islands" as have been added on Plymouth and W. Liberty..
Linda Diane Feldt	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	The ordinance needs education and enforcement. I've seen significant improvement in teh last year, and I walk in Ann Arbor nearly every day for an hour each day. We are so close to the state law as to be irrelevant. Repealing the ordinance will change little, and just make things more confusing for drivers and pedestrians. It is an uphill battle in a state that reveres cars, but pedestrians need this support. We need this ordinance to be strengthened.
Kim Mayes	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	Progress must not stop. Education is the answer.
Adam Gainsley	Ypsilanti, MI	2013-10-21	Pedestrian safety is of the utmost importance in our community. Repealing this law would be a step backwards in that regard. Please do the right thing!
Sarah Briggs	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	I choose to live in Ann Arbor because it is a walkable city. However, it is only walkable if I am able to cross streets safely at pedestrian crossings. When I do drive somewhere, it is not an inconvenience to allow pedestrians at crosswalks the opportunity to safely cross the street. I expect drivers to do the same for me and other people on foot.
Jayanti Banerjee	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	Allowing a pedestrian to cross at a zebra crossing should not even be a matter of debate. No other country that I have lived in has a problem with this concept. That said, all the other countries that I have lived in used universal signage for their pedestrian crossings. The signage in Ann Arbor is schizophrenically non-standard and very difficult to parse.
Clayton Lewis	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	For Ann Arbor to be a pedestrian friendly town, this ordnance is essential. Yes, there are some issues -- driver education needs to be implemented and certain cross-walks need to be redesigned but please keep this ordinance on the books!
Joel Batterman	Detroit, MI	2013-10-21	Please make sure the streets are safe for everyone.
Eunice Burns	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	Better education for drivers and pedestrians is needed. I drive Plymouth quite often.
Lynn Babcock	Dexter, MI	2013-10-21	For everyone's safety.
Sarah Handeyside	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-21	This is extremely important to me. I have small children whom I walk to school, and I am appalled at the disregard for pedestrians, especially small children! I finally have started to see an improvement in drivers' awareness of pedestrians at crosswalks, since the ordinance was passed, and I would be extremely disappointed if this ordinance were repealed. I cannot imagine who would benefit from this, and I am puzzled why our city essentially would advocate for inconsiderate drivers. Our priority should be pedestrian safety.

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phyllis ponvert	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Don't change the ordinance! For one month, the police have to ticket every car that fails to stop at the crosswalk when a pedestrian is waiting to cross Drivers will soon learn that the city is serious about enforcing the present crosswalk ordinance. Most drivers will not stop unless there is a consequence: a ticket and a fine. I have lived on south 7th street for 35 years. The speed limit is 30 MPH, but cars consistently go 45-50 MPH. I have NEVER seen the police stop and ticket a car.
Bettina Hoops	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Pedestrians have a right to be better protected!
Donald Whitacre	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	We need to move forward in making the city more walkable / bikeable, and repealing this ordinance is a step backward. I worry for my kids who are out walking every day about inattentive drivers. Education / attitude change is needed, as well as better engineering of crosswalks. Enforcement needs to be stepped up by the AAPD, so motorists start taking this seriously. Please don't take a step backward - fix enforcement, education, and engineering rather than regressing to the status quo.
Karen Park	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	bicycle commuter and walking advocate
kim bayer	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	If anything Ann Arbor needs much stronger protections and better systems for people walking and biking. Repealing the pedestrian ordinance would send us backwards in terms of creating the safe and vibrant city we all want.
Erich Hofacker	Carmel, IN	2013-10-22	I was born and raised in Ann Arbor and would like to see my home town a nice, safe and walkable city!
Rob Pulcifer	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Though it's reasonable to tweak some aspects of the ordinance, for the most part it puts the priority on pedestrian safety and that's the right way to look at our urban environment.
Andrew Bank	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	That is one compelling video. My kids and I experience the same visceral sense of fear when trying to cross Seventh at Bath or Willow. It's scary.
Michelle Barnett	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I live here...
Ted Reynolds	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Some of my best friends are pedestrians. (So am I.)
Laurie Carpenter	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Now is the time to educate both drivers and pedestrians about how to increase safety for all users of our roads and pathways. Most accidents have occurred because drivers aren't following the state law, let alone the Ann Arbor ordinance. This is an opportunity for education, not the time for a reactive repeal.
Robert Blumenthal	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	This is a good (and cheaper) alternative to additional traffic lights.
kathryn sleeman	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-22	this issue should be important to everyone! i walk and bike daily. people get out of your cars! it is not a local issue. when i go to other cities, people stop for pedestrians! people here act like it is their right to run you over. i might make you 2 seconds late. yes, i do look both ways as 100 cars fail to stop!
Hilary Levinson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I walk around Ann Arbor a lot. Drivers are already not very mindful of pedestrians--don't make it worse!
Larry Wentzel	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	It's a strange twist of thinking to equate making Ann Arbor more walkable by removing penalties on drivers who don't respect the right of way for pedestrians.
John Ware	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Ann Arbor considers itself to be very walkable, but this is true only in a small area downtown. Elsewhere, crossing the road can be a harrowing experience.
James Lee	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I walk and cycle in Ann Arbor and often struggle to get cars to yield or stop at crosswalks.

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Greg Berman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I walk or bike to work nearly every day, and love the effort Ann Arbor has made to make alternative transportation viable. I would like to see more discussion concerning methods that enable both motorized and non-motorized transportation to co-exist and flourish
Daryl Fisher	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Safety should be a priority as people explore transportation alternatives to cars.
paul smith	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-22	because it's not just a car culture
Terri Wilkerson Realty	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	It's not perfect - but it is a lot better than nothing. Adding more signage - and time will help.
William Lockwood	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	We finally have people stopping. Do NOT change it now.
Ellen Katz	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I was hit by a mini-van while riding my bike last year.
David Weinreich	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I walk everywhere I go, and I don't want to get killed. I have never lived before in a city where I feared for my life crossing the street, but in Ann Arbor, I can't even cross the street in front of my house (Huron). Drivers regularly make right and left turns without checking for pedestrians. I have had many close calls in this town. Please don't make them even closer.
Pam Hayes	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	I periodically need to cross Seventh at Washington. Before there was a crosswalk with flashers, it was sometimes extremely difficult to cross Seventh. Now I can cross without having to wait more than a few seconds.
DAvid Patria	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-22	Driver Education is a must. Pedestrians have a right to move through the city. Other cities succeed, why can't Ann Arbor. How about enhanced enforcement.
Caleb Jones	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I have to walk home from school every day, and I want drivers to be responsible.
Lisa Hirsch	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	My children bike and walk to school and this ordinance will keep them safer than without it.
Brennan Madden	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Ann Arbor should be promoting a variety of transportation modes not streamlining to one. A strategy that prioritizes on creates less safety, more traffic, and decreases property values.
Julia Roberts	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I don't want to get hit again, or have anyone else get hurt for that matter. Walking, biking, and riding the bus should have priority over cars in Ann Arbor.
Amy Dittmar	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	It is unsafe to only have cars stop if a pedestrian is in the crosswalk, requiring a pedestrian to step into traffic to have rights. We have made progress toward being a more walker and biker friendly community, please do not reverse that and continue to make Ann Arbor a driving only suburb community.
James Briggs	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	This is a sensible way to help control climate change
Anthony Pinnell	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	It's a matter of life or death
Cory Snavelly	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	If these crossings aren't working properly, it's because the city hasn't bothered to make the signage prominent or ticket drivers. Get on it!
Gretchen Adracie	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Pedestrians need better and safer access. I believe this ordinance provides for this.
David Ballou	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	We need to encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel.
Stuart Batterman	ANn Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Crosswalks provide greater safety on these busy roads
Timothy McKay	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	How can a town in which so many children walk to school not aggressively protect pedestrians?
Joan Lowenstein	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I walk and bike to work.
David Corsa	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	We need to encourage safe walking and cycling in Ann Arbor.

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Kathryn McKinnon	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Repealing this ordinance in the name of pedestrian safety is totally backwards. Until moving to Ann Arbor, I'd never lived in a community where drivers refuse to stop for pedestrians trying to use crosswalks. Here's how this type of ordinance works in other places: 1. Pedestrian approaches a crosswalk, waits for drivers to stop. 2. Drivers stop. 3. Pedestrian crosses the street. See? Not dangerous.
John Beeson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Walking is the most basic form of transit. Driving should be considered "alternative" transportation.
Michael Andes	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I live on a street and in a neighborhood with a number of kids. Drivers' awareness is enhanced by safe crossing markers. What's the hurry?!
Jonathan Tyman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Prioritizing walkability is key to Ann Arbor's character as a city with a vibrant "street life". There are plenty of suburbs where the car reigns supreme.
Carl Haas	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I strongly feel that a pedestrian friendly environment should be encouraged. Having just gotten back from a 3 week trip to Europe, I noticed their strong emphasis on proper bike lanes and mandatory stopping for pedestrian crossing. It can become our culture too and it has to start somewhere. Not repealing this law and trying to make it work better seems to be the right thing to do.
Judy Stone	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	We put this system in, got people retrained and now were backtracking? Nuts! Wasteful! Lets make A2 a city friendly for pedestrians and cyclists and not making cars the dominating force
Eric Irrgang	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	A pedestrian in a cross walk was recently killed in front of my work place crossing the same stretch of Plymouth I cross to get lunch or coffee. When the law was first passed, Ann Arbor briefly appeared friendly and safe to its many pedestrians. We need to embrace and reinforce efforts to make Ann Arbor the walkable city we expect it to be. If the Council finds the current ordinance unsatisfactory I hope to see stronger ordinance and enforcement as a result.
Jayne Handelsman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I drive along Plymouth Rd every day and am concerned that some people still do not stop for pedestrians, even when the lights are flashing. We need a mechanism to hold drivers accountable for keeping the roads safe for walkers and runners!
Karl Seibert	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I am a pedestrian more often than not. When I do drive, I enjoy stopping at crosswalks, and more importantly, it is safer for all involved because it puts an imperative on driver awareness and conscientiousness.
Jon Saalberg	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I use the crosswalk at Chapin almost every day. We need something to get drivers to at least pay attention to pedestrian.
Elizabeth Brooks	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I like Ann Arbor because it is easy to commute around without the use of a car. Encourage calorie burning not fossil fuel burning!
Joe Morrison	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I have a small child and often see reckless motorists texting and not paying attention to pedestrians/bikers; this just gives them another excuse
Tom Phillips	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I have 3 children who NEED cars to stop at crosswalks to ensure a safe trip to and from school.
Tracy Berman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	As a walker, runner, cyclist, and motorist of Ann Arbor I support the ordinance.
Thore Bergman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Walkability is what makes Ann Arbor great! There are lots of drivable suburbs in MI. Only 1 Ann Arbor.
Aaron Elkiss	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I walk or bike to or from work from Pontiac Trail to the University almost every day. The crossing at Broadway/Beakes/Division is especially dangerous at rush hour and needs better signage/enforcement!
Pamela Harnick	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Because walkers should be able to safely cross the street!!!

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Eric Van De Vort	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	We deserve a safer city.
Kevin Boehnke	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I commute by bike every day. This helps make it safer.
Anna Gagern	Southfield, MI	2013-10-23	I walk with young child. Pedestrian safety is of the utmost priority. I personally like stopping my car for pedestrians.
James Aikens	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	What were you thinking?! This proposal is dangerous, anti-pedestrian, and plain stupid. Why would you want to reduce the city's walkability?
Sarah Carson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Our laws should always enforce pedestrian safety.
Christine Schopieray	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I walk home each evening and risk life and limb trying to cross Beakes in rush hour traffic. I am grateful for the 25% of cars that stop and let me cross. I wish more cars would observe pedestrians rather than trying to make the light or ignoring everything going on around them by talking on their phones.
Paul McCann	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I frequently walk from Summit/Main area downtown and through campus. Even with current protections, pedestrians need to be very mindful of traffic. Repealing current protections makes no sense considering the infrastructure improvements for non-motorized transportation (curb bump-out, lane reductions, bike lanes, crosswalk flashers, etc.) the city has made to date. Let's not take this backward step!
Jeremy Whiting	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Grew up in Ann Arbor and don't want it to turn into a giant suburb
julie agranoff	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Pedestrian safety in Ann Arbor is extremely important to me. A lot needs to be done to make motorists and pedestrians more aware of their responsibilities. Instead of repealing, I would like to see more enforcement of the ordinance. People won't stop unless they are being reprimanded for breaking g the ordinance.
sophie wayne	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-23	To ensure pedestrian safety while crossing within designated crosswalks.
Michele Eickholt	Dexter, MI	2013-10-23	I have lived in cities where cars are expected to stop for pedestrians or bicyclists waiting to cross the road. It works.
Kenneth Clark	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Every time I use a crosswalk, I have to deal with motorists who don't want to yield. Doesn't matter whether I'm *in* the crosswalk or waiting at the side - they think they should have right of way. There's nothing wrong with the ordinance, it's the SE Michigan attitude on the roads that's the problem.
Laura George	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Drivers need to stop and learn to respect pedestrians. The law is clear and easy to understand and should NOT be repealed.
Thomas Collet	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I live in Ann Arbor and would like to make the town as friendly to pedestrians as possible.
Valerie Jenner	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Drivers need to understand that they stop for pedestrians and pay attention to the road. Do not appeal and keep our city a safe place to relax and move around in and keep it walkable.
Todd Szymanski	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Distracted drivers is a continuing problem
Peter Morville	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Ann Arbor is increasingly hostile to pedestrians. Let's make it better, not worse!
Sally Pinnell	Ann arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I am a pedestrian and cyclist, my life is endangered daily as is that of my 12 year old.
Doug Scott	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Why can't Ann Arbor have a stronger ordinance than the state on Crosswalks? It should.
Myron Campbell	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I walk to work, it is important to be able to safely cross the streets.
Helen & David Aminoff	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Some refinements/improvements are needed--flashing lights being the main one--but not repeal of the entire law.

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Gillian Ream	Ypsilanti, MI	2013-10-23	I am proud to see Ann Arbor taking leadership in pedestrian safety. This law hasn't even been in effect for a year and it is already starting (albeit slowly) to change car-pedestrian interactions and culture. It would be a shame to repeal it without giving it a chance to succeed.
Jeff Meyers	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	How about trying enforcement! Is our community so backward that we can't make work what numerous communities around the nation have managed to do.? Imagine where we would be if people had the same attitude about seatbelt laws? Or headlight laws? Which were also opposed and argued against.
Ellen Vaughan	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	Improved signage and enforcement should be the next steps in dealing with motorists who ignore or are ignorant of the law. We must support pedestrians!
Karen Lindenberg	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	If the City of Los Angeles can do this and has been for over 50 years so can Ann Arbor. It needs to be enforced
Trevor Staples	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	We should not repeal laws because people have a hard time following them. We need to encourage people to walk more. Removing protections for pedestrians encourages drivers to ignore crosswalks.
Michael Wilson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	It's a danger to those crossing Plymouth rd.
Hon Jessie L. Osborne	Concord, NH	2013-10-23	The Ann Arbor PD has so few officers that it hardly ever enforces motor vehicle laws, The pedestrian in Ann Arbor needs the added protection of this ordinance. Do not repeal it,
Bill Hetzner	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	I have seen an improvement in driver behavior since the ordinance. It feel it is safer to cross streets than before.
Richard Isackson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-23	pedestrians need protection.
lisa lava-kellar	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-23	As a driver, I welcome the reminders to slow down...and stop. There is no mistaking the flashing lights.
Mary Charnetski	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Since this ordinance was passed, more cars stop for pedestrians than before. Behavior continues to improve. Repealing it would send the wrong message to drivers.
arthur wolfe	Ann Arbor, MA	2013-10-24	We walk at least 5 miles daily on our city streets while avoiding the use of a car. Drivers frequently pay no attention to pedestrians, particularly when turning right.
Michael Miller	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	To pass such an ordinance means: 1. The A2 Police and Street and Sign Administrators have abdicated their responsibility to figure out how to enforce and educate on this law; 2. We are placing all responsibility for problems on bikers and walkers and; 3. Ann Arbor was highly overated as a walk friendly city.
marsha chamberlin	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Civility and respect for the pedestrian is important. As a donor resident and walker, I have experienced the positive impact after the ordinance was changed in 2010 and again in 2011. I don't think anyone is confused--just impatient or disrespectful or uninformed as to the law.
Crystal Thrall	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I am a pedestrian more often than I am a motorist, so I notice that in general motorists are very disrespectful of pedestrians. Encouraging walking and biking is important to the physical health of Ann Arbor residents as well the environment.
cynthia edwards	Ann ARbor, MI	2013-10-24	We all need protection when crossing the streets. Please don't take away what we've accomplished in the past few years. We need to do even more to protect pedestrians especially children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Life is stressful enough as it is without risking it crossing the street!
Layla Ananda	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	We need these crosswalks!

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Robert Sporny	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Crossing Packard at the pedestrian crossing at Buhr Park near Easy Street is to take your life into your hands. People do not stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk!
Cynthia Bostwick	Ann arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Drivers need to learn to watch for pedestrian crossings and moderate speeds to allow for stopping. This is a good ordinance: keep it!
Reuven AnafShalom	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Wallking is the thing!
Geoff Cook	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I've never lived in a place where cars don't stop at crosswalks.
Paul Harrison	Mt Morris, MI	2013-10-24	The safety of my grandchildren
James Milne	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Driver behavior has improved since passage of the law. They are more likely to stop for pedestrians on crossings instead of trying to drive around them.
Seth Peterson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	The ordinance is a step in the right direction, though better infrastructure would be more meaningful. Ann Arbor is in a unique position of being able to be a fantastic walking/biking community--please pick up the reins and get us there. If people want to live where cars are priority #1, please check out Canton, Livonia, or Troy.
Wendy Freiwald	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I have two young children and we walk this city regularly...to school, downtown, on errands, with the dog, etc.Just a note...increased foot traffic means increased money spent. Walkers are much more liable to pop into a shop and buy a coffee or a gift that they had forgotten about. Drivers have to take the time to park and hassle will often deter them from the errand at all.
Cassandra Hartley	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	What the city needs is to follow through on their promise to educate and enforce this ordinance, not repeal! As a parent who walks with small children all the time, I have watched the roll out of this campaign closely. The education was pitiful (a handful of bumper stickers and signs?) and I watched as a citizen was nearly hit by a driver in full view of a cop who did nothing. I never saw anyone get pulled over in any of the many crosswalks I frequent.
Ethan Bright	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	The drive to repeal the ordinance I believe pertains to driver's frustrations at having to frequently stop on Plymouth Rd. during rush hour. The message is "fast commute first, safety last." Drivers need to be aware of other people's mode to movement, e.g., bicycles and pedestrians, and those whose movement isn't related to work commuting (e.g., shopping, recreation, visiting friends/relatives, etc.). Since this city will not invest in infrastructure that physically separates pedestrians from the road (bridges, tunnels, etc.), this ordinance is necessary to make drivers aware of pedestrian safety and that the road doesn't belong just to them. Ann Arbor needs to think like a large city, not some suburb beholden to vehicular traffic and cost cutting from safety infrastructure.
Luke Norman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	Important to protect all residents of Ann Arbor, especially seniors and residents with disabilities
Beth Cron	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I want to have a city that is safe for all pedestrians and encourages walking, running, biking, etc.
Riin Gill	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I walk and take the bus everywhere. Before the ordinance passed, I had to wait for 20 cars to pass before I could cross the street to get to my bus stop because none of the drivers would stop for me, even though it was clear that I needed to cross! Now, drivers actually stop. DO NOT go back to the dark ages!
Emma Wendt	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I hope that we continue to improve safety tools, not take away from them. I'd be worried about my safety, and frankly embarrassed for Ann Arbor, if this were repealed.



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Alison Miller	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I have children who cross the road and I would like them to be able to do so safely. We love walking in Ann Arbor but it is MUCH less of a walkable city than it could be with better enforcement of pedestrian friendly traffic laws!!!
DeWight Plotner	Pinckney, MI	2013-10-24	We need safe crossings for all pedestrians.
Jane Hayes	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-24	More education and enforcement would help the effectiveness of the ordinance. We should not back step on this issue.
Barbara Annis	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	We need to promote walking and biking. Cars need to slow the xxxx down and comply with the speed limits.
Kathryn Schumacher	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	a pedestrian-friendly city is a healthier, happier, better city!
Kathy Wirstrom	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	I want to encourage people to walk more, and I want it to be safe for us to be pedestrians.
Peter Honeyman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-24	For long-term economic growth and development, Ann Arbor must be safe and friendly to pedestrians (and human-powered vehicles).
Peter Hinman	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-25	This seems like simple common sense. Pedestrians need protection.
Anna Kirkland	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-25	This reinforces the drivers' basic legal obligations. If they are confused, the burden is on them to comply and figure it out. I've lived lots of other places where this is the law and the norm, and it is silly to say that AA drivers can't understand and comply with this very basic law.
charles carlson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-25	Protect the right of citizens to cross the road.
Pat Rodgers	Ann Arbor, MI, MI	2013-10-28	Makes good sense: "stop accepting deaths as a by-product of cars."
vicki honeyman	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-28	pedestrians come first!
Tom Brush	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-28	I walk almost every day crossing streets with the "new" system of pedestrian activated signals. They work and I am safer.
Andrea Deranian	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-28	SAFE Pedestrian crosswalks are critical. My daughter (and multiple other kids) risk life and limb EVERYDAY to walk across the street on the crosswalk at Edgewood and Stadium to attend Pioneer High School. The city needs to add more flashing lights AND patrol these areas. Police set up speed traps all over town. Why not set up speed traps to save pedestrian lives.
Ann Rodgers	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-28	Please do not repeal it. Enforce it and educate drivers about it.
Cathleen Weinert	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-28	Ann Arbor should be safe and welcoming for pedestrians
lisa marra	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-28	People should have the ability to walk around their city safely!!
Dale Petty	ann arbor, MI	2013-10-29	I cycle every day to work year round. Before the ordinance, I was hit by a speeding motorist on Geddes while I was crossing in a crosswalk. It's not perfect, but it's definitely helping.
Jan Tripp	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-29	I want to feel safe walking and bicycling in my northeast Ann Arbor neighborhood.
Lee Trucks	Manistee, MI	2013-10-29	I travel to AA frequently and have one child, a grand child and cousins in the area. I previously had two other children in the area. I extend the same courtesy to you when you visit my current city.
Aaron King	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-29	One of the things I love best about Ann Arbor is its walkability. It's not just me: I frequently hire postdocs from Europe and Canada, for whom Ann Arbor's pedestrian-friendly character is a big selling-point. This ordinance is a very important part of making Ann Arbor a safe and welcoming place for pedestrians.
Susan Hansen	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-29	We don't need to get rid of the protections we currently have instead we need to allocate more resources to educating and informing. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will only be increasing.

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Helen Boyce	Aiken, SC	2013-10-29	We should encourage, not discourage, pedestrians.
Jason Harper	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-29	Drivers should stop for people waiting to cross at a cross walk.
Melanie Sobocinski	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-30	Being friendly to pedestrians is good for all of us.
Deborah Nystrom	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-10-31	Safety for everyone, esp. pedestrians
Dan Cooney	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	I think this needs better implementation, not repeal. I recognize the current crosswalks are not sufficiently safe, and while I think education & awareness campaigns are important, I also think there need to be further physical signals - more akin to a traffic light - than what we have now, so that behaviors we already have as drivers are reinforced by the signaling mechanism. (don't completely re-invent the stop light)
Susan Agar	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	The only thing I object to is the one on Miller at the same place as the bus stop and you can't tell if they are waiting for the bus or waiting to cross.
Jud Branam	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	The education process has begun on this practice and needs to continue without weakening.
Ulrike, Leyla Lau-Lamb	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	this is a neighborhood and we have many walkers, dogs, kids, elders...i think this makes common sense and should be naturally be implemented in all of us to STOP! Often I had one side stopped and the other side not.....dangerous situation....
Ann Levenick	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	Drivers need to slow down. It's frightening to be a pedestrian around here lately.
Christa Williams	Ann Arbor,, MI	2013-11-01	Would like to additionally suggest that City Council consider replacing flashing yellow lights at crossings with flashing red lights.
Andrew Boller	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	Ann Arbor has too many idiot drivers going far too fast in pedestrian zones--
David Welsh	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	As a healthy young person I can afford to step into a crosswalk before cars have stopped. This is not true of children, elderly and those with physical disabilities who need to know that the cars have stopped before stepping into the roadway. Many of these are the same pedestrians who are also unable to drive a car. How are they to get a round? Stopping a car is not too much to ask to provide independence and safety to vulnerable citizens. Why should we ask vulnerable users to put their life on the line by entering a roadway before cars stop?
Amy Phillips	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	It is really important to keep crossing safe. Interesting aside: in Brighton, MI, on Main Street, it was widely known that people are ticketed for not stopping when pedestrians are actively waiting to cross at a crosswalk (that IS being in the crosswalk). Because of this, motorists actually stop in the middle of the street for pedestrians waiting to cross.  Crossing Miller is always interesting. Perhaps enforcing speed limits would also help?
Max Heirich	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	We need to keep this ordinance. The pedestrian deaths make it clear that we need to keep what protections already are in place.
Ruth Kraut	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	Pedestrians need to be able to cross streets safely!
Michelangelo Trujillo	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	Driver's in Ann Arbor already almost never stop for pedestrians. Coming from California this was shock as there was a widespread campaign in California in which police gave tickets to cars that didn't stop for pedestrians. It was publicized in the media and now cars stop for pedestrians there. Loosening the rules here will only make things worse and reward the already lax and under regulated reckless drivers.

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Martha Hill	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	The city is people-friendly only if we can cross streets at walking-friendly locations and heavy flows of cars are properly warned to stop for pedestrians.
Scott Rosencrans	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-01	Because I want pedestrians to be as safe as possible.
Gwendolyn Kirk	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-02	I am a disable lady using a wheel chair, most of the times when I am crossing the street I have to worry about cars stopping. I have that fear of being hit by a driver who don't feel we as pedestrians have any rights.
Kevin Stansbury	ann arbor, MI	2013-11-02	Pedestrians came first, then cars. Cars should therefore come second when it relates to right of way.
john chamberlin	ann arbor, MI	2013-11-02	The law seems to be working better each month. Work on education, issue some tickets, keep the same goal.
Cherie Charbeneau	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-02	I work at CHS and watch students cross every day between school and Kerrytown. It is NOT safe. There needs to be a more definite code and better training for motorist!
Palma Cady	Minneapolis, MN	2013-11-02	Human life is more important than cars! STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS!
julie frick	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-03	My Dad lived at Lurie Terrace before the pedestrian lights were put in and it was hard and dangerous for him to cross the street to get to the Y. Putting that Ped Crossing was extremely necessary. I suggest that before any ped ordinance is weakened that we address people who drive while talking on cell phones.
Rohit Jain	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-06	I went to school at Michigan and I know what it feels like to cross the road knowing that a car could run you over.
Matthew LaChance	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-06	Aren't we supposed to be trying to encourage people to find alternatives to driving?
Penny Larson	Deerfield, MI	2013-11-07	I've almost hit A2 pedestrians hundreds of times because they think they can cross ANYwhere they want. I don't agree that the driver should have the right-of-way, but I think there should be more crosswalks & that pedestrians should be fined for not using them!! Win-win!
Lee Ann Tolinski	South Lyon, MI	2013-11-07	My son attends U of M and says students being struck by cars while trying to cross road is not uncommon!
Margaret Browning	Northville, MI	2013-11-07	Ann Arbor as a college town is full of pedestrians. Pedestrians need protection. As it currently stands, too many drivers disregard pedestrian crossing signs. There should be stronger penalties for endangering pedestrians.
TOLA PEARCE	Columbia, MO	2013-11-07	Safety issues. A matter of life and death.
Patricia Bergeron	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-07	Because I walk or ride the bus everywhere in Ann Arbor.
Alberta Sabin	Chelsea, MI	2013-11-07	I find it scary and there are many who are a lot less mobil than I am.
Sara Rahmani	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-07	Life is precious !!!!
Lynda Wilson-Glenn	Inkster, MI	2013-11-07	I have tried it and it is terrifying
Mary Mezzadri	Livonia, MI	2013-11-07	This is a true safety concern. Drivers today take too many liberties and don't care about safety. We need to keep walkers safe. Please do not repeal the crossing ordinance.
Shirley Burg	Chelsea, MI	2013-11-08	I have to cross the street on Huron sometimes and I really appreciate it when drivers stop. I hope they do not have to drive in Canada where pedestrians have the right of way.
Christel Raute	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-08	I walk everywhere in Ann Arbor. I need to be able to cross streets safely! Please protect the rights of pedestrians!!

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Leslie White	Milan, MI	2013-11-09	This ordinance is clearly necessary to protect local citizens. Please do not repeal what has made a major improvement in their safety!
Christina Snyder	Manchester, MI	2013-11-11	We motorists need to be moving slowly enough that we could stop for stray children or animals, and the pedestrian ordinance encourages slow speeds.
Dale Hunscher	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-11	What you don't see in the video is the open hostility you occasionally see on the part of drivers. I drive up and down Plymouth Road almost every day. I view stopping at crosswalks as a civic duty and a common courtesy, but also as a rare opportunity to put a smile on someone's face. Repeal? No thank you!
Dylan Graves	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-12	Pedestrian safety is of utmost importance to ensure that communities can remain walkable and friendly for non-vehicle traffic (which is integral for community success and vibrancy).
Steven Kronenberg	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-15	This issue is important to me and my family because our lives depend on it. When a city isn't walkable, it isn't livable.
Paul Brown	Ypsilanti, MI	2013-11-17	a pedestrian has no physical protection, the law gives appropriate support
Janis Bobrin	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-18	I'm a runner (and a driver as well). I am now noticing that drivers are beginning to routinely stop at the crosswalks. This is a great improvement. Give the current ordinance time! Driver education can't happen overnight, but it IS happening. Let's have a safer, more pedestrian friendly community. Let's make sure our local officials don't make a knee-jerk response to a vocal minority.
Karen Hart	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-18	There has to be a balance -- that's what "complete streets" is all about. Repealing the ordinance lets cars rule.
Erin Perdu	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-18	Please do not repeal this ordinance - modify it, make it better, but don't repeal it!
Katy Derezhinski	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-18	Rome wasn't built in a day, and human behavior doesn't evolve overnight! We need to focus on education of both pedestrians and drivers to change the culture. The law as it stands (which is based on the state law, BTW) will work.
Ilene Tyler	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-18	I cross a busy intersection 4 times every and feel unsafe even with this law, but still I signed the petition.
grace shackman	ann arbor, MI	2013-11-19	I walk all over and really appreciate being able to cross streets.
Chris Taylor	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-19	We need to make it safe for people to cross the street in Ann Arbor.
Jay Sell	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-19	I use crosswalks every day over Huron Parkway and I appreciate the current law.
Mark Olexa	ann arbor, MI	2013-11-19	Safe routes to work.
Kate Higgins	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-19	I walk and cross streets.
Audrey Gray	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-19	We need to protect pedestrians and help them cross streets safely!! I would like to see more lights at these crosswalks so pedestrians are more visible to motorists (especially at dawn/dusk/night) when oncoming headlights are blinding one's vision.
Conan Smith	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-20	As an Ann Arbor walker, biker and driver, I know the rules of the road and the benefits of the different modes -- our streetscape needs to show the same respect for people as it does for cars. We drivers will still survive if we have to take a few more seconds to get from A to B -- our crossing ordinance makes sure the pedestrians and bikers will too!
Bob Miller	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-20	This is important to me because I cross the street
Jennifer Fike	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-21	As a runner, safe crossing at crosswalks is of major importance to me. Ann Arbor City Council -- please care more about ME, than you do about cars.

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Christine Comer	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-21	I moved close to downtown Ann Arbor so I could have the freedom to walk everywhere, but with increasing traffic speeds and shorter motorist patience, getting from one side of a road to another can be harrowing. No one should have to play chicken to cross a road, young, old or otherwise. Having a pedestrian law helps reinforce the need for all drivers to be on the lookout for people crossing the roads, and ensures that those that might take more time to do so have that opportunity.
Lindsay Bustos	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-26	As a mother of 3 small children I urge you to not repeal the crossing ordinance! We have noticed a huge change since the start of this ordinance in the number of cars that will stop for us on Liberty. Please continue to enforce and educate drivers.
Graydon Krapohl	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-27	I support the postponement of action on the repeal until a Pedestrian Safety Task Force conducts a full review of the ordinance and provides recommendations in a report to City Council.
Owen Jansson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-27	Safety and livability!
Carolyn Grawi	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-27	The Ann Arbor CIL strongly supports accessible walkable crossable communities. We were in support of the Pedestrian Ordinance at the time of its passing and would be in support of stronger Complete Streets implementation. We agree more needs to be done. We are open and supportive of a public task force reviewing the current ordinance, assessing data, and hearing from the public in an open and transparent process. We want to see improvements to the education, engineering, and enforcement of crosswalk access and responsibilities. People with disabilities and people who are not driving need to be able to get through the community safely just as drivers of motor vehicles want to, we need make the roads safe and accessible for all users. As a person with disability myself, i want to be safe crossing the streets in a timely manner with the respect from my fellow users.
Robert Fagerlund	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-28	I am a pedestrian and it is necessary for the safety of myself and others, especially the elderly and the handicapped.
Marta Manildi	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-11-29	It clarifies right of way, gives me permission and authority when I am driving and want to stop for a pedestrian trying to cross, and let's me cross with greater safety when I am walking. In fact, we need flashing lights for the crosswalk on Miller at Miller Manor.
Joel Swanson	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-01	All council members considering a vote to repeal the current ordinance should first attempt to cross one of the busiest streets on foot.
Jane Westlake	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	The safety of pedestrians and other vulnerable individuals should be on every motorist's mind. I ride a bike to work some times, and motorists range from downright rude to completely insane. The ordinance was a step in the right direction toward making Ann Arbor a civilized place to live.
Ron Emaus	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	I live where I do because I can walk to service all my needs - as long as the city maintains the current crosswalk ordinance. Otherwise, it becomes impossible to cross Platt or Packard and many of the other main arteries where there is no break in the traffic for many periods of the day.
Ethan Lowenstein	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	Come on now! I can't believe this is even an issue. Why is this council working actively against creating a sustainable city--one of the aspects being that it is walkable and safe to bike in. You've really got my hackles up on this one :)
Anne Moore	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	I walk a lot. My daughter walks, too. We need to be able to cross the street without fear that we'll be hit.
Munsey alston	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	Safety of the 34+ children who walk to Eberwhite from Crest and try to cross Liberty when no crossing guard!

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Ramayan Saries	Ann Arbor, MI	2013-12-02	Because I am a teacher who often leads students on walking field trips in Ann Arbor
Izak Sims	Ypsilanti, MI	2013-12-02	I thought this was to protect pedestrians, like students, children, the disabled, and elderly.