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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Kyra Hoffner and Representative Sherry Dorsey Walker,

Sponsors

The Honorable Senators Gay, Huxtable, Pettyjohn, Richardson and Representatives

Collins, K. Johnson, Parker Selby and Spiegelman, Co-Sponsors

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson

GACEC

RE: Senate Bill No. 50 Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed Senate Bill No. 50, which will codify the Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness. This Council has existed by Executive Order since 2006. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed legislation; however, we would like to make two suggestions.

First, we would ask that a representative of the Delaware Architectural Accessibility Board be added to the Council.

Second, the GACEC notes that three individuals with disabilities are also to be a part of the make-up of this Council. This is admirable; however we would ask that the individuals with disabilities who are appointed to the Council represent the spectrum of individuals with disabilities in Delaware and not just individuals with physical disabilities. Individuals with visual impairments, hearing impairments and intellectual disabilities may also be impacted by the work of this advisory group.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support of the proposed legislation and our suggestions. Please feel free to contact me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office should you have any questions.