

<SAMPLE NOTE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN LAKEWOOD AND CLEVELAND HEIGHTS FOR BFC DESIGNATION>

<Elected Official Name>

I am writing today to congratulate you and our entire community on receiving the honorable designation from the League of American Bicyclists as a "Bronze" level Bicycle Friendly Community

As I am sure you have observed, it is an exciting time to be on a bike in our city and the national recognition given by the League of American Bicyclists confirms that we are on the right track to welcoming more people on bikes to experience our community.

While we celebrate our city's designation it is important to begin to develop priorities for becoming an even more bicycle friendly city. To do this we encourage you and your administration to continue to work with residents and the local bike community to continue to make improvements towards making our streets and community a fun, safe place to ride a bike. This can be done by installing more bike lanes and protected bike lanes, passing more bike-friendly policies and supporting more bike focused events.

Specific feedback for what our city can do to become more bicycle friendly will be provided by the League of American Bicyclists in the coming months. I encourage you to work with the local cycling community to incorporate that feedback into how our city does business. In addition some best practices can be found at BikeCleveland.org/resources.

As a person who loves riding a bike in our city, I strongly encourage you to continue to build upon the good work which has already begun. By so doing, our city will not only increase the safety for people who currently ride bikes, but also fundamentally improve the riding environment to get more people in our city on a bike.

Congratulations again on receiving this national recognition. Hope to see you out on the road soon.

Sincerely,

<Your name>

<Your Address (if you live in the community)>