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**Date:** 20 February 2016 at 14:48:09 GMT

**Subject: RE: Letter from your constituent XXX**

Thanks XXX

I have always supported that objective and I shall raise that point in the budget debate on Wednesday.

Best wishes  
Malcolm Chisholm

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

From: XXX

Sent: 20 February 2016 14:43

To: Chisholm M (Malcolm), MSP

Subject: Letter from your constituent XXX

Saturday 20 February 2016

Dear Malcolm Chisholm,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the Scottish Government's budget for cycling for 2016/17. Whilst the active travel budget is roughly static, the way it is structured means that actual investment in cycling by most councils is likely to fall.

In particular, the vital CWSS fund, on which all councils rely for their most basic cycling cash - the only cycling cash to go directly from the government to councils - is being cut by a shocking 26%, from £8m to £5.9m.

I would suggest that the proposal by Spokes of transferring just 1% of the £820m trunk road budget to active travel, is realistic and achievable. Please see their article here <http://www.spokes.org.uk/2016/01/scottish-budget-a-realistic-proposal/>

It is essential for our cities in Scotland to promote active travel by investment, as it would relieve congestion, improve health of those travelling and those not breathing in exhaust fumes, and it saves money in the long run.

Please consider Spokes' proposal for a 10% of travel budget to be spent on active travel, for your manifesto this year.

Yours sincerely,