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Dear David:

I am always looking for ways to help more Americans enjoy the many benefits of bicycling, even encouraging over 160 of my colleagues in Congress to support bicycling as members of the Congressional Bike Caucus. I was pleased to be introduced to your new bicycle wheel retention system which I believe is a better way to safely secure front wheels on bikes that should help more people feel confident about making the decision to ride bikes.

Secure installation of bicycle wheels has been cited by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as the number one area of product safety concern. The new system automatically locks the wheel onto the bike even if the cyclist forgets to tighten the clamp, so the danger of a wheel falling off while riding is greatly reduced. Montague's wheel retention system makes it possible for a cyclist to remove and reinstall a front wheel onto a bicycle easily and safely. It is a great example of American ingenuity.

The Montague System should help make bicycling safer and more attractive to the public. That is a positive development because more people should be cycling, whether it's to get across town, get some exercise, or save on transportation costs.

Safe, efficient equipment makes bicycling better, so I urge health and safety advocates and the relevant regulatory agencies to become acquainted with the new Montague wheel system, and to work with Montague to assure that bicycles in the United States are equipped with state of the art safety products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer

