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To Whom It May Concern:

The Halifax Cycling Coalition was pleased to have been invited to present to Dalhousie's new sustainability course, "The Bicycle," this fall. Courses like this are an important symbol of Dalhousie's support of active transportation. Students in this course gained an understanding of the political, environmental, physical, and mental barriers and opportunities surrounding bikes. The impact this course was having on students was evident within a few weeks – they were quickly reporting dramatically positive changes in lifestyle, mental health, and physical fitness. The Halifax Cycling Coalition encourages Dalhousie to continue to offer courses such as "The Bicycle" in order to further the local understanding of cycling issues.

"The Bicycle" was a great opportunity to introduce students from a broad background to the benefits of cycling. It fit well with recent developments on Dalhousie's campuses, such as the Bike Centre, bike repair stands, and the new rain garden & bike parking area near the Killam. Innovative infrastructure like the rain garden are important ways to add bike parking and improve other aspects of campus sustainability. Dalhousie is quickly becoming a living laboratory for cycling infrastructure in Halifax and it's important that students have the opportunity to explore and study these pilot projects. Their perspective could help us do a better job of promoting cycling in Halifax.

The Halifax Cycling Coalition supports Dalhousie's efforts to creatively expand the use and understanding of bicycles in Halifax. We hope courses like "The Bicycle" continue to be developed and offered to students in order to further these objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Wedge'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Ben Wedge
Co-Chair
Halifax Cycling Coalition