

October 11, 2007

Mr. Michael J. Waller  
Lake County State's Attorney  
18 North County Street  
4th Floor  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Dear Mr. Waller,

On behalf of the 57 million cyclists nationwide and representing over 300,000 affiliated and individual members of the League of American Bicyclists, I am writing to express my deep concern about the cycling incident in Libertyville Township on September 22 caused by Mr. Thomas Lynch, causing a 16-bike collision and physical injury

According to the publicly available information of the incident, which includes third-party eye-witness accounts as well as comments made by members of the cycling group and confirmed by the Lake County Sheriff's office, the cyclists were riding in accordance with the law in an orderly single file, and as the result of the driver's intentional actions caused serious injury to the cyclists.

All indications are that this was not a an accident, but instead an act of violence perpetrated by a driver hiding behind the weight of a motor vehicle to not only intimidate but cause physical injury to a group of law-abiding cyclists whose every intention was to share the road.

Please send the message to Mr. Lynch and other drivers of similar disposition and temperament that the roads are not the domain of any single user, motorized or not, and that intentional and malicious acts of physical violence will be met with the full punishment of the law.

The League of American Bicyclists—and its over 600 affiliated cycling clubs and advocacy organizations throughout the country—asks that you vigorously investigate this case, and where appropriate, press charges to the fullest extent of the law.

Sincerely,

Andy Clarke  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Rob Sadowsky, Executive Director, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation  
Mr. Alan Burns, Deputy Sheriff, Lake County Sheriff's Department