

## 2017 “SHARE THE ROAD” PETITION

**Dear MDSA Members:**

**We don't swim up to Minnewaska, most of us drive and some bike. Thus I think the effort to improve road safety is relevant to all of us, whether we live in Ulster County or anywhere else.**

The current New Paltz Times has the story of how over 125 bicyclists pedaled up from Huguenot Street in New Paltz to Butterville Road, on September 11, in a demonstration with two goals:

- 1. To honor the efforts of Gabriella O'Shea to recover from the crash that nearly killed her just one year ago on 9/11/16, when the woman who sent her flying off her bike drove away and didn't turn herself in until the next day.**
- 2. To dramatize the need for major improvements in road safety, incorporated in the concept of “Share the Road.”**

Just after our swim season ended I was asked to join the committee that organized the demonstration and drew up a petition to Ulster County, the DOT (NYS Department of Transportation), and to our representatives in the state legislature. Please click on <http://chn.ge/2x1Fntp> to see what it says (some of you may have already received this notice). If you agree please sign on, even if you have already signed a paper version. The wording will convey what we are fighting for.

**If you want to participate more actively, please contact Steve O'Shea at [luna751@verizon.net](mailto:luna751@verizon.net) . Please do not reply directly to this email. Thanks.**

Just click on the petition <http://chn.ge/2x1Fntp>

**Please spread the word!**

**Thank you,  
Judy Mage, MDSA Co-coordinator**