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Dear Editor:

The East Coast Greenway stretches over 2,500 miles from Canada to Key West, connecting the 25 major cities along the eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida. Beginning September 12th, 10 cyclists will ride the trail from endpoint to endpoint for the very first time in an event tantamount to the inaugural through-hike of the Appalachian Trail. Unlike the legendary Appalachian, however, the Greenway traverses the nation's most densely populated corridor and is easily accessible by over 30 million Americans.

I think both you and your readers will find the *First East Coast Greenway Maine to Florida Tour* of significant interest, and I invite you to review the enclosed materials. One particularly notable fact is that all of the end-to-end cyclists are over the age of 50. Also several of the tour's participants have overcome tremendous obstacles to be part of this historic event, and I think you'll agree that their stories are both poignant and motivational. Should you like to arrange interviews with some of the riders or if you would like to further discuss any aspect of the tour whatsoever, I would be more than happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Yours,

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