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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2571

Hello

I write in support of the bill as it stands.

According to climate science we have approx. eight years to massively reduce our reliance on fossil fuels to avert the worst of the climate disasters. While electric automobiles (such as sedans, pickups, suvs etc.) are one of the stepping stones towards this greener future, it is not the only way. Electric micro-mobility vehicles (ebikes, scooters etc.) take us much further towards this green goal compared to cars.

The return on investment for ebike rebates is atleast an order of magnitude higher than any other ODOT investment towards traffic reduction, reduction of gas consumption, and other state mandates for transportation.

I encourage the committee to support this rebate program and my only recommendation for change would be to increase the allocation of funds for this rebate.

Thank You

-Eldo Varghese and Dr. Giulia Leggett