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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2571

Honorable members of the committee:

I am writing in support of the proposal to establish a rebate program for the purchase of electric bicycles. Making electric bicycles more widely available can reduce the amount of car/SUV/pickup traffic on our streets and improve transportation time both for the bicyclists and for the drivers who enjoy reduced congestion. Additionally, reducing the number of large vehicles on the streets improves visibility and thus pedestrian safety.

Besides the traffic advantages, electric bicycles have been demonstrated to serve as a sort of "gateway drug" to allow more people to take up bicycling, secure in the knowledge that technology can bail them out if they are uncertain their muscles will be sufficient to get them to and from their destination. This expansion of cycling has measurable effects on the riders' fitness and overall health.

Thank you for your time and consideration.