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On Behalf Of:  
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Chairs McLain and Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairs McLain and Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I had the privilege of serving on the Steering Committee for Portland's most recent bicycle master plan (2010) and then also serving on its Planning Commission while incorporating that plan into the City's Transportation System Plan.

As long ago as 2010 we began thinking about how ebikes would extend the range of bicycle trips and began to plan bicycle facilities on steeper streets made accessible by these bikes.

In 2018 I took the plunge and purchased my own eCargo bike which has become my daily transportation vehicle (22,000 miles and counting). I've experienced how ebikes lead to longer and more frequent trips and equalize access to transportation for people with varying levels of physical ability.

I have watched with envy as cities, states and countries around the world have made this fantastic form of mobility more accessible by providing subsidies for purchase. I urge you to extend these benefits to Oregonians by passing HB 2963.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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