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I do transportation work in Gresham, Oregon and see first-hand the benefit these micromobility devices for all people, especially low-income communities. E-bikes provide a low-cost, reliable transportation option for Oregonians, reducing household expenses on gas, car maintenance, and transit fares. A subsidy would make e-bikes accessible to more people, particularly low-income residents who need affordable mobility options to get to work, school, and essential services. For communities without access to reliable or frequent transit, which relies on fixed routes and tight schedules, e-bikes offer freedom and flexibility, especially for those in historically underserved areas. A subsidy would empower rural, suburban, and urban residents alike by expanding access to safe, efficient, and sustainable mobility.