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On Behalf Of:
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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my support for HB 3626. I appreciate that the bill sets forth uniform safety standards for e-bikes and other micromobility devices. Clear, enforceable rules will help protect riders, reduce crashes, and improve street safety for all users. Standardized helmet laws and responsible age limits ensure that all riders are operating safely.

Further, HB 3626 will help law enforcement and transportation agencies address safety threats by ensuring that enforcement efforts go toward stopping motorcycles, mopeds, and illegally modified high-speed vehicles from misusing bike lanes and shared pathways.

The public education called for in HB 3626 will help increase awareness to help drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians safely share streets and pathways, reducing conflicts and improving road safety statewide.

As a frequent cyclist and walker, I have seen firsthand the need to manage the use of bike lanes and shared pathways. Further, as a manager of employees who use these resources, ensuring all users can commute safely will reduce and avoid stress from daily commutes.

Personally, to avoid long, frustrating, and stressful car commutes and car-based errands, I have switched my primary modes of transportation to biking and walking. My use of bike lanes and shared pathways has increased dramatically since that switch in 2019 and has enabled my household to drop to a single car. I have found the change to be both physically and financially beneficial.

I urge the members of the committee to support passage of HB 3626.
Thank you for your consideration.