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I'm writing in support of this bill as I believe the bill will give young people transportation options besides riding in the back seat of their parents cars. The ability to travel independently to school and activities and friends homes will allow them to develop independence and problem solving skills.

I volunteer at at local school as a crosswalk guard and I also lead walking and biking school busses. The joy that the kids I work with show while traveling to school independently will be available for more children with the passage of this bill. By defining the mobility devices and the allowable ages, the children will be treated as accepted members of the transportation system.

This bill defines the low power mobility devices much better than previous bills and also offers an educational component through the Department of Transportation which is an important step forward.

Thank you.