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Im writing in support of HB 2963 as I believe that providing rebates will help people to purchase an e-bike which will afford them a more affordable transportation option than an automobile.

I have used an electric cargo bike for the past five years and it has replaced nearly 90% of all my car trips for shopping, errands and transporting my grandson to school and other activities. This bike has allowed my wife and I to sell one of our cars and so now we are able to use the funds once devoted to car maintenance and insurance and other expenses to other needs.

But the purchase price of an e-bike can be a barrier to many people and this rebate program would offer an opportunity to those who are qualified to enter the e-bike market.

The savings of the e-bike would help people use their funds for other necessities. The increase in the number of e-bikes and their use would also reduce the number of cars on the road thus reducing congestion and emissions. The increase in e-bike users would also provide a visual prompt to city transportation staff of the need to expand safe cycling networks to meet the increased demands.

Thank you.