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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3626

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation,  
I write in support of HB 3626 and micromobility safety. As a person who occasionally rides e-scooters and e-bikes and frequently drives a car near e-scooter and e-bike riders, I believe this bill is critical to improving safety and predictability on our streets. Additionally, as a traffic safety researcher, I know firsthand how critical standards and predictability are for creating a safe, sustainable transportation system with options that work across the income spectrum for people in Oregon.

In particular, I strongly support that HB 3626 establishes uniform safety standards for e-bikes and other micromobility devices. Clear and enforceable rules will help protect both riders and drivers, reduce crashes across roadway users, and improve street safety for everyone. Standardized helmet laws and responsible age limits ensure that young riders, whose brains are not fully developed, are operating safely. As a mom, prioritizing our kids' safety is my highest priority.

Relatedly, I also support HB 3626's direction to ODOT to educate Oregonians about micromobility laws and best practices. Increased awareness will help drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians safely share streets and pathways, reducing conflicts and improving road safety statewide.

Finally, I support this bill's intention to help law enforcement and transportation agencies focus on real safety threats. Instead of targeting responsible e-bike riders, HB 3626 ensures that enforcement efforts go toward stopping motorcycles, mopeds, and illegally modified high-speed vehicles from misusing bike lanes and shared pathways.

I urge you to support HB 3626 to create a safer roadway system for all roadway users in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.