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HB2571 is giving us the opportunity to improve the health of the people, the planet, and Oregon's economy all in one fell swoop. ODOT said it themselves, we need more alternatives to the car. Replacing gasoline cars with EVs certainly improves air pollution on our roadways, but we will still have traffic, we will still have sedentary transportation, and we will continue to see road wear from the extra heft of EVs. With ebikes, we can encourage active transportation, lower emissions, and bring more money to our local economies.

As co-owner of Clever Cycles, a bike shop that's been selling ebikes since 2007, we've seen first hand how ebikes can change lives. We've seen climate-conscious teenagers get their first ebike instead of their first car, we've seen fathers and their smiling children jump to the front of the school pickup line, and we've seen low-wage workers able to free themselves of the burdensome cost and infrequency of public transportation. Because cyclists save money on transportation and healthcare, and tend to spend more than non-cyclists, those dollars stay in our local economy. If we incentivized these purchases, we could really move the needle on these pressing issues. Anyone who has ever complained about congested roadways, air pollution, or climate change should be supporting this bill. More ebikes on our roads is good for all of us.