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Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Committee Members,

I support this bill to give kids - like my own - more options to get around besides "mom, dad, can I get a ride?".

It's pretty common in a lot of countries to have a more gradual path to driving - you can operate lower powered vehicles at a younger age, and then get a full drivers license at 18 in Italy, for instance.

The real threat to children is cars, and it is not close, when you look at the statistics. Give them some more freedom to get around town on their own, with low-powered eBikes. And build safe bike infrastructure to go along with it.

Thank you