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On Behalf Of:  
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Members of the Transportation Committee,

I am writing as a member of an e-bike owning household and as a Safe Routes to School Coordinator to ask that you support the E-bike subsidy bill.

My three-person household owns one car and one e-bike (and each member has our own acoustic bicycle) and we are able to replace many car trips with e-bike trips. As a not very fast cyclist, I feel much safer on the e-bike on routes where I have to use arterials, as I'm better able to be closer to the speed of traffic, even though we have a class 1 ebike. And, of course, it allows for longer trips to be made with little effort. Professionally, I am seeing shortages of bike parking at certain elementary schools that have never had that probabemente before. I attribute the increase in bike ridership to both improvements in bike infrastructure as well as the rise of ebike ownership, as it encourages more parents to bike their children to school.

This legislation would expand this opportunity to more households, so that they too can save gas money, reduce wear and tear on our infrastructure, reduce GHG emissions and improve their own physical and mental health and the air quality for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.