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If you've ever ridden an e-bike, then you know that it is a life-changing and community-changing device. If you haven't ridden one, you need to. I've had an electric cargo bike for nearly ten years that I use for grocery shopping for 4 people, shuttling kids to their activities and to go places on my own when it's too hilly or I'm too tired to ride a regular bike. I get to feel the breeze on my face, enjoy the trees and the stars, and I'm never stuck in school pick-up traffic nor do I ever struggle to find a parking space. E-bikes are clean, traffic-busting, money-saving, and time-saving fun devices that provide two-wheeled transportation to folks who may otherwise not be able to bike. Did I mention they help you be physically active, which is an essential prevention and treatment for most chronic disease? We need to get these into the hands of more people for quality of life, economic opportunity and to improve the environment. Expanding access to e-bikes is one of the best things you can do for the families you help, for their communities and for the planet.