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TO: Todd Gloria, City of San Diego Mayor
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Tasha Boerner, California State Assemblymember AD 77

Subject: Request for the Implementation of AB2234 E-Bike Regulations for the City of San Diego

We are writing to bring to your attention an issue of growing concern within our community, which is the safe and responsible use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) on San Diego's roads and pathways. In recent months, AB2234 was approved by Governor Gavin Newsom. This bill has taken commendable steps to create a set of e-bike regulations aimed at ensuring the safety of both e-bike riders and other road users. We believe it is now essential for San Diego to follow suit and implement similar regulations.

The regulations established by AB2234 will be effective in promoting responsible e-bike usage amongst children and youth in our community. We kindly request the City of San Diego consider adopting these regulations, which we believe will significantly enhance safety on our roads and provide clear guidelines for e-bike riders.

The new legislation, AB 2234, establishes an opt-in program for cities in the County of San Diego. The bill does the following:

- Prohibits children under 12 from riding a class 1 or 2 e-bike.
- Requires, before the purchase of an e-bike, an online written test and a state-issued photo identification for those without a valid driver's license.
- Establishes local diversion and community service programs as a more equitable alternative to ticketing riders without a valid driver's license or state-issued photo identification.

We recognize the need for the city of San Diego and San Diego Unified School District to establish an e-bike license program, including an online written test and state-issued photo identification for individuals without a valid driver's license, promoting responsible e-bike usage. Additionally, we encourage the establishment of a stakeholder working group, bringing together representatives from schools, community groups, traffic safety experts, and city officials, to collaboratively develop an e-bike training program. This group could also explore license requirements in fostering safer road-sharing practices among e-bike users.

We believe that implementing these regulations in San Diego will contribute to the safety of all road users and foster a more harmonious coexistence between e-bike riders and pedestrians, as well as other vehicles. We kindly request your support and leadership in pursuing the adoption of AB2234 E-bike regulations within the City of San Diego.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to further discussions and collaboration to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. This letter was approved (00-00).

Sincerely ,

Frederick Kosmo
PCPB-Chair

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