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Transportation Finance and Policy Committee Transportation Committee  
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Subject: Written testimony in opposition to HF 2066

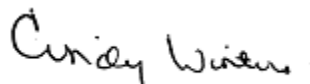
Dear Chair and Committee members,

Please accept this written testimony in opposition to HF 2066. I am a retired public health professional, live in Mankato and come from a one car family with that car being used pretty much exclusively by my husband for his small business. I use an e-bike to get around the very hilly cities of Mankato and North Mankato. My e-bike as my primary form of transportation to go to medical appointments, run errands and attend meetings. Without an e-bike, I would pretty much be stuck at home until I was able to get access to our car.

I saved for two years to be able to purchase the e-bike and it is the best investment I have ever made. It has made a world of difference in my ability to travel throughout the Greater Mankato area. It has helped me maintain my physical and mental health by allowing me more freedom to travel in the area. I really wish the opportunity to receive a rebate for the purchase of my bike had been available when I purchased mine nearly three years ago.

I am adamantly opposed to repealing the e-bike rebate program. This program is widely popular as demonstrated by the number of people who tried to apply for the rebate and crashing the website within a few minutes of the first launch of the website. When the opportunity was opened up again a few months later, the money allotted for 2024 was gone within a few minutes. E-bikes are not a luxury but a necessity for many people who either can't drive for a variety of reasons or for seniors who are trying to stay healthy and active in their community.

I urge you to vote no on this bill and give low income, physically disabled and/or seniors the assistance they need to purchase a form of independence to travel in their communities.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.



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