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To: House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

Testimony in Support for HF 3785

Dear Co-Chairs Koznick and Tabke, and Members of the Committee;

I am writing on behalf of the PeopleForBikes Coalition and as a member of the Legal Committee for the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) to express our strong support for House File 3785 and amendments that will be offered to this important legislation. This bill will address the growing safety concerns caused by “e-motos” by carefully defining and regulating these fast electric vehicles under Minnesota’s existing motor vehicle and off-highway vehicle laws, impose reasonable safety standards and electric standards for their manufacturing and use, and properly regulate the sellers of these devices.

The legislation will place Minnesota at the forefront of national efforts to properly regulate these devices, better inform consumers about the type of vehicle they are buying, and address certain sales practices by the manufacturers of what are in fact motor vehicles due to their excessive power and speed capabilities. The legislation will also help preserve the market for legitimate low-speed electric bicycles and the benefits that ebikes provide to communities across our state.

Electric bicycles are an important part of the future of mobility and recreation in Minnesota, and this legislation will further those activities while also addressing confusingly similar motor vehicles that are creating safety concerns and contributing to crash and injury statistics. We urge the Committee to approve the amendments offered today and advance this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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