

Chairman Oelslager, Vice Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Cera and members of the Senate Transportation committee. My name is Charlotte Mismas. I am 10 years old and in fifth grade. Last Christmas, Santa brought me a razor electric scooter. It doesn't go very fast, but it's fun to ride.

I found out this week that you want to make it illegal for me to ride my scooter. I think that's really mean. Have you ever ridden an electric scooter? You really should. They don't go very fast. They're actually sold in the toy section at stores and are obviously meant for kids. Here's a picture of one you can buy on Amazon:



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#### **Small Frame, Big Ride**

The E100 electric scooter features a kid-sized deck and frame for riders eight and up. This quiet running, electric powered scooter tops out at 10 miles-per-hour, delighting kids and neighbors alike.

- Speeds up to 10 mph.
- Up to 40 minutes of continuous use.
- All steel frame and fork.
- Kick start, high-torque, chain-driven motor.
- Twist-grip acceleration control.
- Hand operated front brake.
- 8" pneumatic front tire.
- Urethane rear wheel.
- Retractable kickstand.
- 24V (two 12V) sealed lead acid rechargeable battery system.
- Battery charger included.
- Assembled Product Dimensions: 32.5 inch x 16 inch x 36 inch.
- Some assembly required.

Even when my scooter is fully charged, it only goes 10 mph, which is slower than riding my bike. But sometimes it's nice not to have to pedal. It calms me

down when I'm upset or having a bad day. I like to ride it to the park in my neighborhood and around the basketball court. This bill would make it illegal for me to use because it is electric.

My mom says you might be doing this to try to keep me safe. But she says you're also making it so that electric scooters would have to be driven under 15 miles an hour and that you need to follow all the traffic laws when you ride them. That sounds pretty safe to me.

When I was 5, I broke my arm on the monkey bars. My sister broke her arm two years ago on her rollerblades. My best friend broke her arm last year on a hoverboard. Are you going to make it illegal for kids to play on monkeybars, roller blades and hoverboards? Kids like to have fun and not everything that is fun is 100% safe and that's OK. You should try to make things a little bit safer instead of making them illegal.

My suggestion is that you should spend some more time learning about electric scooters before you make it illegal for kids to use them. I'm happy to bring mine to the Statehouse and let you try it as part of your research.