



11310 Slater Avenue Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (800) 646-8604

www.Pedego.com

March 16, 2018

Dear Chair LaRose:

On behalf our retailers in Ohio and future prospective retailers for our products, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 250, legislation that would regulate the use of electric bicycles.

Eight other states have just recently adopted similar legislation - California, Utah, Washington, Michigan, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois and Colorado. Besides these eight, twenty other states already have friendly electric bicycle laws.

Electric bicycles are as safe, stable and sturdy as traditional bicycles and move at bike-like speeds. As a new, innovative and clean-technology transportation option, their use in the U.S. and other countries has brought the pleasure and freedom of bicycling to millions with no compromise in consumer safety.

Communities across the country face transportation challenges related to traffic congestion, local air quality, climate change, obesity and lack of physical inactivity. Encouraging alternative modes of transportation, such as bicycling, can help address these challenges:

- Increases to quality of life: Electric bicycles make riding a bicycle for commuting and transportation easier and faster, allow current bicycle users to bike more often and farther and promote alternative transportation for people who can't afford the high cost of car ownership.
- Increases to bicycle ridership: Electric bicycles provide a new option for people who want to bicycle but would otherwise not because of physical fitness, age, disability or convenience, especially at high altitude and for those whose work commutes are within the 5-20 mile range and who traditionally drive.
- Electric bicycles reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption, improve air quality and support alternative modes of transportation.
Everyday utility: Electric bicycles can carry up to 400 lbs. of cargo and can be equipped with built-in hauling features, specialty baskets, versatile racks, carrying bags and other accessories to accomplish many daily commuting activities.
- Electric bicycles decrease traffic congestion, increase road safety with more cyclists on the road and reduce demand for parking spaces.
- Economic benefits: Electric bicycles benefit small business owners by providing a cost-effective alternative to cars and trucks when used for equipment transport and deliveries.

We support this legislation. Please vote to advance it out of committee.

Best regards,

Bishop's Bicycles

313 Main St.
Milford, Ohio, 45150
[513-831-2521](tel:513-831-2521)

Northland Cycle and Fitness

4584 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43214
[614-268-8419](tel:614-268-8419)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald J. DiCostanzo". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Donald J. DiCostanzo
Co-Founder and CEO
Pedego, Inc