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Re: Petition E1627 (Transportation) – The Definition of Power Assisted Bicycles

Dear M. Iacono

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit that makes cycling better through education, action and events. We want to get more people of all ages and abilities cycling as this leads to healthier, happier, more connected communities. HUB Cycling is the leading voice for cycling in Metro Vancouver.

We write in support of Petition E1627 regarding the definition of e bikes. We are in support of greater use of e bikes as we believe that they encourage people to ride more, and ride more often. There are also health benefits associated with this use. However, the use of electric scooters that do not require the user to pedal does not provide the same benefits and can cause risks to other vulnerable road and path users due to the weight of the scooters, and the speeds they are capable of. We are not against the use of electric scooters but suggest that they should be classified as low speed motorcycles, not as power assisted bicycles.

Thank you for sponsoring this petition on an important issue, and we look forward to seeing broad support for the necessary changes to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations.

Sincerely,

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