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The Honorable Laurie Davies
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4720
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1569 (Davies) Pupil safety: Electric bicycle parking
and safety program
City of Newport Beach – Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Davies,

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, I write to express our support for AB 1569, which seeks to implement an electric bicycle safety course for any student who wishes to park their bicycle on school property.

AB 1569 proposes to enhance safety regulations for electric bicycle riders attending public schools in the state. This bill mandates that schools allowing pupils from kindergarten to grade 12 to park class 1, 2, or 3 electric bicycles on campus must require these pupils to complete a specific safety and training program. Developed by local law enforcement, this program is designed to ensure riders are knowledgeable about critical safety practices before they are permitted to park their bikes on school grounds. By having local law enforcement create the safety course, students will have access to more relevant safety information regarding the unique infrastructure and terrain of their local area.

The core aim of AB 1569 is to protect young riders by integrating safety education directly into school policies. This requirement addresses the fact that young cyclists are particularly vulnerable on roads, necessitating immediate educational interventions to prevent accidents. By establishing a standardized safety training program, the bill ensures that young riders develop essential skills, including proper riding techniques, awareness of traffic laws, and understanding of road-sharing principles. This will significantly mitigate risks associated with electric bicycle use, a growing mode of transport among youth in urban and rural settings.

The increased preference for efficient and eco-friendly transportation options amongst young Californians makes it imperative to enhance their education around these technologies. Electric bicycles expose young users to new risks that traditional bicycle safety education does not cover. AB 1569's focus on a proactive, education-first approach empowers our youth with knowledge and skills to navigate modern transportation safely. This policy not only improves individual safety but also advances broader public safety goals by reducing accidents and incidents involving young riders on our roads.

For these reasons, the City of Newport Beach is pleased to support AB 1569.

Sincerely,

Lauren Kleiman



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Cc: Newport Beach City Council