



Support HB1008 E-Bike Rebate Program

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House Economic Matters Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT House Bill 1008

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of District 30, president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (“BikeAAA”), Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission, and former Member of the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force. On behalf of BikeAAA and its more than 1,000 members, we support HB1008. The bill will establish the Electric Bicycle Rebate Program to provide rebates for qualified individuals and certain entities that purchase electric bicycles and require an annual appropriation for the program. Last year, via the Climate Solutions Now Act, the General Assembly allocated millions of dollars to electric vehicle tax credits. Now it's time to promote a much more cost-effective, equitable, and environmentally friendly step: HB1008's e-bike rebates for low- and moderate-income households and for business and nonprofit activities.

We aim to boost mobility and transportation equity and environmentally sound transportation alternatives. HB1008 will further that goal, and it will prove highly cost-effective. E-bikes cost far less than EVs –generally, electric cars – and the rebate will cover a high proportion of the cost, making this form of transformative transportation accessible to a wide set of households that can't afford an EV even with a tax credit.

Please support HB1008 to make Maryland transportation cleaner, equitable, safer, accessible and affordable.

Sincerely,

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