



February 28, 2023

The Honorable C. T. Willson
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for HB 1008, Maryland Energy Administration – Electric Bicycle Rebate Program – HB 1008

Dear Chair Wilson:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to offer our support for HB 1008, the Maryland Energy Administration – Electric Bicycle Rebate Program, that would establish a bicycle rebate program for qualified individuals and certain entities that purchase electric bicycles.

As the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington, COG supports multi-sectoral action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase investment and incentives for energy efficient technologies. The bill's passage will directly support projects and programs that increase non-motorized travel in Maryland, thereby enhancing energy efficient travel options for individuals making use of these rebates. As such, CEEPC, on behalf of COG, supports the establishment of this electric bicycle rebate program.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs, at (202) 962-3238 or jkking@mwkog.org if you have any questions. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Takis Karantonis' with a horizontal line underneath.

Takis Karantonis
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee