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The Honorable Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation
Legislative Office Building at 1020 N Street--Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2234 (Boerner) – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Wilson:

The City of Coronado writes to express our support of AB 2234 by Assemblymember Boerner, which would require the California Highway Patrol to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycle users, issue skills waivers to program completers, and imposes restrictions for operating electric bicycles.

With the increasing popularity of e-bikes as an alternative mode of transportation and recreation, there has been a corresponding rise in safety concerns and regulatory ambiguities surrounding their use. Currently, there is a lack of standardized safety training and education programs specifically tailored to e-bike riders, leading to potential risks for both riders and other road users. Additionally, the absence of clear regulations regarding age restrictions and licensing requirements for e-bike operators has created confusion and inconsistencies in enforcement practices.

AB 2234 seeks to fill these gaps by establishing comprehensive safety and training programs, issuing skills waivers to certified riders, setting age restrictions, and outlining requirements for operators without a valid driver's license. Starting July 1, 2025, this measure would prohibit a person under the age of 12 years old from operating an electric bike of any class and would require anyone over the age of 12, but without a drivers license, to have a skills waiver issued by the Department of California Highway Patrol. These parameters around electric bike operations will increase safety for users and pedestrians.

For these reasons, the City of Coronado supports AB 2234. We look forward to working with you further on helping craft legislative solutions that will ensure for the safe operation of e-bikes in our communities. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at 619-522-7335 or cm@coronado.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Richard Bailey
Mayor

cc: Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, District 77
Senator Catherine Blakespear, District 38
League of California Cities, (via email: cityletters@calcities.org)