

Testimony in support of H7674: Sales and Use Taxes—Bicycles

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To Chair Abney and the honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

Transportation is the largest greenhouse gas emitter in Rhode Island. In order to reduce these emissions to meet the Act on Climate's greenhouse gas reduction mandates, and to reduce pollution for a healthier environment, moving from gas and diesel powered cars to electric vehicles alone will not be sufficient. We also need to reduce the vehicle miles traveled, by encouraging residents to move from using their cars to attractive and accessible public transportation, and to bicycles.

H7674 serves an important purpose in this context, because it contributes to the reduction of vehicle miles traveled by exempting new or used bicycles from sale and use taxes, which incentivizes and grows bicycle purchases and use.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2024.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Handy for introducing this important bill.



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