

SENATE BILL 101 TESTIMONY BY GARY ROBBINS

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Thank you, Senator Petersen, and Committee, for the opportunity to appear in support of Senate Bill 101. I am Gary Robbins Government Affairs Consultant for the Foulston Law firm. We are representing PeopleforBikes as part of a national effort to create uniform state laws on the use of electric bicycles. Twenty-eight states have already overwhelmingly approved this legislation. Currently, bills are pending in 16 other states.

The PeopleForBikes Coalition is the sole U.S. trade association for bicycle manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. It has nearly 300 members from across the nation. PeopleForBikes also works to create safe and convenient access to bike riding for all American by improving bicycle infrastructure.

Electric bicycles are the fastest growing category of bicycle purchases by Americans and represent the future of bicycling in our country. I want to point out that Senate Bill 101 has long term economic benefits for growth of the 40-50 bike shops serving Kansans. For these small businesses, electric bicycles are an increasingly pivotal segment of their business. In addition, electric bikes provide positive health benefits to Kansans with health conditions who would not otherwise be able to enjoy bicycling.

This morning we are fortunate to have Alex Logemann from PeopleforBikes provide you with more in-depth testimony. I will stand for questions after his remarks. Thank you for your time.