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Assemblymember Laura Friedman
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RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill-1112

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to Assembly Bill 1112.

This legislation seeks to undermine local control over an important public safety issue—the explosive growth in shared mobility devices and their impact on users, pedestrians and motorists. This is another attempt by the State to legislate what should be a local issue. Last year, the Legislature passed a law that preempts local jurisdictions from requiring scooter users over the age of 18 to wear a helmet. This is especially alarming given the recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that documented in Austin what we are also experiencing in San Diego with the increased number of electric scooter injuries. According to the report, nearly half of those injured sustained head injuries and 15% had a traumatic brain injury. I will continue to call on the State Legislature to undo this irresponsible action.

In San Diego, we recently passed an ordinance to regulate shared mobility devices. It included controlling speeds in high pedestrian areas, equity incentives, a fee structure, and essential data sharing. These regulations respond to the unique characteristics of the shared mobility device industry here in San Diego. Each city should be able to determine the regulation that is best for their municipality, whether it is an outright ban or limiting the number of devices and type of data sharing necessary to maintain public safety.

AB 1112 would strip authority from local jurisdictions to promote public safety and tailor regulations to the specific circumstances presented by the industry. Our cities are on the frontlines of this new technology, and the State Legislature should defer to our experience. The Assembly should consider expanding local authority, not focus on restricting it. Therefore, I respectfully oppose AB 1112.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry