



October 8, 2025

Senator Choi
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Oppose, SB-44, Senator Steven Choi

Dear Senator Choi:

The California Chamber of Commerce is writing to express strong opposition to SB 44, which creates new infractions and misdemeanors for the operation of electric bicycles and motorized scooters.

Although our members place a high priority on public safety, this bill takes a severe and overly broad approach that will hinder innovation, burden local businesses, and criminalize a mode of transportation that is essential for many workers and our state's climate goals. Legal ambiguity is greatly increased by the imprecise definitions of "endangering safety" and "unreasonably interfering" with public use. Both riders and local law enforcement will be burdened by the inevitable inconsistent enforcement that will result from this. Additionally, a large number of our member companies, including restaurants, retail stores, and last-mile delivery services, depend on e-bikes and scooters for modern workforces and efficient operations. It deters people from using these vehicles and creates new liabilities by adding a complicated layer of penalties and possible misdemeanors. This puts a new obstacle in the way of workers who depend on this reasonably priced transit option and goes against the state's investments in clean transportation.

For this reason, the California Chamber of Commerce must respectfully oppose SB 44. We urge the committee to focus on education and infrastructure improvements, rather than criminalization, to address legitimate safety concerns.

Sincerely,

The California Chamber of Commerce

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