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-To Whom it may concern,

Destroying an industry over speculation just isn't good policy !

I have been operating a pedicab for 20 years in downtown San Diego and 70 percent of my operating is done along the harbor. I have never been in an accident with a pedestrian and have not heard of any accidents with pedestrians and don't feel we should be solving a problem that just doesn't exist. We should be waiting for a problem to exist and then solve it. A good example of solving a problem that existed on the harbor is as follows. This past year was the first year I ever had a problem moving around freely along the harbor pathways . The problem with the sidewalks was they were just not large enough to accommodate all the vendors that started setting up and in a number of areas they were using half the path and the food lines blocking a bit more of the path. In this instance there was a problem that was evident and then it was solved by limiting the number of vendors and moving them to areas where there is plenty of room as to allow for free passage. Now there is plenty of room to move freely for everyone except for maybe a six hour window on Saturdays and on some Holidays. I believe this problem was a direct cause of the concern about the electric assist vehicles safety cause it condensed way too many people and riders into to small amount of a space and now the problem it is solved. We should at least delay the new rules because they have now become unnecessary.

I believe it is also bad policy to start restricting electric mobility devices during a time when we should be encouraging them due to global warming and weather change. This is a world wide issue that is being worked on by incentivizing people to travel with these electric devices by building bike lanes and having subsidy programs to get electric mobility devices into as many households as possible and now you are going to stop them from traveling on a 25 mile pathway around San Diego harbor because there is a 2 mile stretch with a large amount of foot traffic that is really only busy on Saturdays from 11am until 5 pm. This move is really on the wrong side of history and just makes no sense . We should just have an 8 mile per hour speed limit in that 2 mile section or just install a bike lane for that 2 mile section.

I ask you to please give this a lot of thought because there is a lot of value at stake here for everyone and it is a big decision that will be impacting a lot of lives. Not just the people who walk along the harbor a couple of times a month but people from all around the world who

travel here that want a tour of the waterfront, that want directions or restaurant advice and hopefully a ride to that restaurant, or for seniors who just got an e-bike and want to ride around the harbor on a path that they will feel safe on , an area they now can once again explore because of their new gained freedom from their electric assist bike.

Thanks for listening ,
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