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## **Remote Testimony – NH HB 1703 Queen City Bicycle Collective**

My name is Tyler Glodt, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Queen City Bicycle Collective, a nonprofit community bicycle organization based in Manchester.

We respectfully oppose NH HB 1703.

The Queen City Bicycle Collective exists to make bicycling safe and affordable for people of all ages and incomes in the greater Manchester area. For many of the residents we serve, a bicycle is not a recreational luxury; it is an essential, low-cost means of transportation.

While we support sustained investment in safe bicycle infrastructure across New Hampshire, we believe HB 1703 would create significant barriers to bicycling, particularly for Granite Staters who already face transportation insecurity. A \$50 annual registration fee, combined with substantial financial penalties for noncompliance, would disproportionately impact those least able to pay and risk discouraging bicycling as a form of transportation.

We are also concerned that HB 1703 treats bicycles much like motor vehicles, despite their comparatively minimal impact on public infrastructure, public safety, and the environment. Experience and research show that when more people ride bicycles, congestion decreases, roadway maintenance costs are lower, public health improves, and local economies benefit. Policies that make bicycling harder or more expensive work against these outcomes.

Finally, the administrative and enforcement burden of implementing a statewide bicycle registration system raises serious questions about whether such a program could be practical or effective. The proposed revenue stream is uncertain, while the operational costs to the state and local governments, along with the compliance burden placed on riders, are likely to be substantial.

While we oppose HB 1703 as written, we want to be clear that the Bicycle Collective is not categorically opposed to bicycle registration. A statewide program could be supportable if it encouraged bicycling as transportation, helped residents effectively protect and recover their bicycles, and was practical, accessible, and affordable for all Granite Staters. As written, however, HB 1703 does not meet those standards.

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