



**Testimony of Amy Watkins, Manager of the Injury Prevention Center  
at Connecticut Children, to the Public Safety and Security Committee regarding  
SB 406, An Act Concerning the Display of Lighted Lamps on Bicycles, Electric Bicycles and Electric  
Scooters**

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Senator Gaston, Representative Boyd, and members of the legislature's Public Safety and Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share my support for SB 406, An Act Concerning the Display of Lighted Lamps on Bicycles, Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters.

My name is Amy Watkins, I serve as the Manager of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's. Before commenting on this bill, I want to provide some background about our organization. Connecticut Children's is a nationally recognized, 214-bed not-for-profit children's health system driving innovation in pediatrics. With over 3,200 employees and more than 1,300 pediatric experts on our medical staff, we are the only health system in the state dedicated exclusively to the care of children. While we provide access to the most specialized pediatric care, we also know that only about 10% of children's overall health and wellbeing is determined by the access to and quality of the health care services they receive. For this reason, our Office for Community Child Health works to improve the wide variety of factors that influence a child's health, such as housing, transportation, food and nutrition, family support services, and community safety. Within the Office, the Injury Prevention Center's focus is to keep kids safe and injury free.

We support SB 406 because improving visibility for people using bicycles, electric bicycles, and electric scooters is a simple and effective way to reduce the risk of crashes and injuries. Current law already requires a white front light on bicycles when riding at night. This legislation appropriately extends and clarifies that requirement for electric scooters and electric bicycles, helping ensure that all similar roadway users are treated consistently under the law. As the use of e-bikes and scooters continues to grow, updating our statutes to reflect these devices is an important step toward improving safety for riders and for others on the road.

This bill would be even stronger if it also extended the requirement for a red rear light or reflector to electric bicycles and electric scooters wherever feasible. Visibility from the rear is particularly important because bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters are considered vehicles and must be ridden in the same direction as traffic. Ensuring that riders are visible from behind gives drivers additional time to recognize and safely pass them, especially in low-light conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. If you have any questions about this testimony, please contact Christian Petersen, Connecticut Children's Government Relations Manager at [cpetersen@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:cpetersen@connecticutchildrens.org).