TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

You'll have two minutes to speak, and they won't hesitate to cut you off after 120 seconds. You can use TA's testimony template if you'd like a starting point. You can also watch our training webinar if you missed it.

Hello, my name is _____. I live in _____.

I rely on my e-bike / an electric Citi Bike / an e-scooter to move around the city I call home.

[Share the reasons your e-bike is so important to you. For example:
- Allows you to transport your children
- Allows you to move about the city regardless of your age / ability
- Allows you to bike even when you're tired
- Allows you to save money on transportation
- Allows you to work long hours on your bike.]

Street safety is my top concern in New York City, and I know how dangerous our streets can feel. I also know Intro 606 isn't the answer.

Intro 606 would be a massive bureaucratic hurdle – and it wouldn't even lead to safer streets. Cities from LA to Houston to Toronto have rejected bike licensing because it's expensive and it doesn't work. In New York City, this legislation would massively expand NYPD power, allowing them to pull over anyone riding a bike if they think it might be an e-bike.

Instead of reactionary fear mongering, let's focus on what will actually make our streets safer. We hear a lot about accountability, but accountability only works after a crash – we want to focus on solutions that actually prevent crashes, injuries, and death in the first place. This looks like better infrastructure, wider bike lanes, safer crosswalks, and Intro 1131.

Regulating delivery app companies will also reduce crashes. City Hall can ensure these apps are demanding safe riding instead of impossible delivery times on unsafe routes. Nobody wants to bike the wrong way or on the sidewalk, but too many feel forced to do so by these app delivery companies.

I'm counting on the City Council to do the right thing: focus on solutions that work, not bills that will massively expand police power without producing safety. Oppose Intro 606, and support Intro 1131 and app regulation.