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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: Walkers on bike paths and e-bikes

I have received some information from Chris Menton about legislation changes on Rhode Island bike paths walking and biking Lanes. Having biked all Rhode Island bike paths for over 20 years I would encourage rethinking retaining the walkers on the left rule. With the advent of e-bikes, I see heavy e-bikes traveling at high speeds while the walkers could include carriages with small children and dog walkers.

1. To see an oncoming e-bike or any bike with that situation, I would prefer to see it stay the same so the Walker is in the left lane facing the oncoming high speed bikers.
2. I would also clarify what does not happen as expected with the present directive, the walker does not step off the bike path when he sees a situation like that. Right now most stay walking and the biker has to make the move.

Thank you for considering these other current safety situations with walkers and bikers on the bike paths of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,
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