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I am writing in support of HB123. I have lived all around the country and world serving in the military and Anchorage has some of the best trails I have ever seen. I hope to someday permanently reside here, and the outdoor lifestyle is a large reason. I recently bought an eBike and it has gotten me outdoors so much more. Instead of driving to and from JBER from Eagle River, I now ride my eBike on the Glenn Highway bike trail. Over this last winter, I have commuted over 500 miles on my eBike. I have also been out on the trails with my family and have enjoyed so much of that time. Riding an eBike has even made my commute enjoyable. With the spectacular trail system physically separated from cars, I am also able to enjoy eBike commuting and recreating safely! So thank you, you and your team do amazing work keeping these trails accessible. I support eBikes being considered the same as any other bike. I also support safety, and when I ride, I wear all the appropriate protective gear. I also support all bikers being respectful of all trail users to include slowing when passing and alerting others when passing. Some complain that eBikes are too fast, but they are often slower than conventional road type bikes, and with common courtesy and current laws in place, safe, shared trails are possible. I have been using the trails on my eBike for the last 4 months and sharing the trails have not been a problem. From the interactions I have had, it seems more people want to get into eBikes, and I think the HB123 will aid in more people getting outside and enjoying Alaska!

Thank you, Stephen Montgomery 9031 Eagle River Ln, Eagle River, AK 99577 757-969-8910