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Comments: The changes to directives, highlighted in yellow, include a section concerning wattage limitations as well as maximum speed achievable under sole electric motor propulsion. These directives, or changes to directives do not represent viable long term solutions to the concerns presented by the advancement of e-bike technology. Many devices available to consumers already harness motors with wattages that exceed 750 watts, the proposed limitation. These devices are primarily used, at higher wattages, to climb up steep hills. Whilst these devices may be capable of operating beyond the speed limits of the proposed legislation, they are also broadly capable of software if not hardware speed limitations. These limitations could provide a viable solution to long term legislation that would allow for future devices to be easily classified, and would allow for ease of enforcement. A solution must be made available to consumers who wish to purchase more powerful products and still wish to use them in a safe manner. These types of devices will only become more prevalent and increasingly powerful. This legislation needs to be modified in order to allow those with disabilities, physical challenges, or other accessibility issues, the same opportunities as those without, whilst utilizing devices seemingly designed with the solution in mind.