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Comments: I am writing this letter as a life long cyclist. This includes road cycling and mountain biking all the back to the 1980's before mountain bikes had any kind of suspension. The sport has come a long way and continues to innovate. The Class 1 eMTB is one of these innovations. The Class 1 eMTB allows me the ability to continue to enjoy the sport and has also allowed my wife to participate along with me as we have different fitness abilities. I still ride my non eMTB as well. As an avid rider of both eMTB and a "regular" MTB I do not understand how these two bikes are not considered in the same exact category as a bicycle. Both require me to pedal up or down. The eMTB is NOT faster down hill and the wear on the trail can't be considered any different. The weight difference of 20 pounds between my Class 1 eMTB and regular MTB is no different than a 180 pound cyclist and a 200 pound cyclist on the same trail. I implore you to please consider the Class 1 eMTB to be a bicycle just as all countries in Europe have already done.