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Comments: A close friend of our family was recently diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy Atrophy and purchased an electric mountain bike so he could keep up with his friends. He is an active 60 year old and needs to keep up social and physical activities. Please consider his bike a regular bike. And not a motorized bike. Yes it can go faster but the terrain limits his speed and he just uses it for social rides with his friends.

I too have an electric bike for commuting around town. I don't ride fast. It just allows me to get up hills and allows me to shop at more stores that might be a bit further than I can go or up a hill that I couldn't take. I use it as I age to allow me to do the things I used to do before. I swam my entire life, even in Big 10 college, but now I train to stay pain free. Riding my evoke is part of that. I would love to buy an electric mountain bike and join on rides. Rules do affect our lives and are often made based on bias or misunderstandings.

Please understand the ADA impacts of your definition of an ebike as motorized rather than a regular bike. I respectfully request that the definition be changed. Please make reasonable accommodations just like the ADA requires. (FSM 7700 and 7710 E-bikes #ORMS-2619).