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The Honorable Leticia James
Attorney General of the State of New York
Office of the New York State Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany NY 12224-0341

Dear Attorney General James:

We are writing to urge you to issue a consumer alert reminding manufacturers, retailers, and consumers that many of the micromobility vehicles available for sale nationwide violate New York State laws, and are illegal and extremely unsafe to use in New York State.

As you may be aware, two New Yorkers were killed following a collision on the Queensboro Bridge Bike Path on May 29, 2026. One of the individuals who died was riding a vehicle which was illegal to ride on New York City streets, an electric scooter which has the ability to accelerate to over 50 miles per hour within seconds, well above the 20 miles per hour currently permitted by state law. It has been reported that this was the vehicle which caused the fatal accident.

We are all saddened by this story and disturbed by the news that the scooter that caused the crash can be purchased directly from the manufacturer for just \$1,699 and shipped to a New York City address. Despite its capacity to go far over the speed limit, there is no information provided for buyers about the legal constraints that prevent their actual street usage in New York State. The same vendor which sells the Blade GT II Lineup also sells other models that can go up to 74 miles per hour for \$3,999. Additionally, Amazon also sells many models of motorized scooters that can be ridden at similar speeds, at similar price points. It is our understanding that the majority of these vehicles are likely sold to New Yorkers by large online vendors, and not by brick-and-mortar businesses within New York City.

When somebody buys one of these vehicles from a large online vendor, there is no warning that comes with their purchase alerting them to the fact that it is illegal to ride micromobility vehicles faster than 20 mph in New York State. As a result, many consumers are likely unaware that they are purchasing scooters and e-bikes that violate the law and pose a significant danger to those on slower, street-legal micromobility devices and traditional bicycles, pedestrians, and themselves.

While we plan to pursue legislation on this subject in the upcoming legislative session, we also

know that in April 2026, the California Attorney General's office issued a consumer alert outlining the dangers associated with these vehicles and clarifying the law around operating them for consumers (we have attached the alert to this letter). Afterwards, *The Guardian* and other news outlets reported that Amazon stopped selling dangerous, unregulated personal mobility vehicles in the state.

We respectfully urge you to consider issuing a similar warning in New York State regarding the dangers of high-powered scooters and e-bikes. We greatly appreciate the proactive role you have taken to protect New Yorkers from predatory business practices, and we believe that your help in alerting the public to the dangers these vehicles pose can help us to avoid tragedies like the crash on the Queensboro Bridge in the future.

Sincerely,



Liz Krueger
State Senator



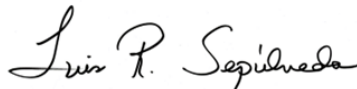
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