Industry Leader Urges Opposition for Increased Tariff on Bike Products

- Proposed 10 percent tariff on products from China follows announcement of 25 percent e-bike tariff
- Industry association says tariff would increase costs to implement and operate bikeshare

WHAT: <u>The North American Bikeshare Association (NABSA) urges opposition</u> to a recently proposed 10 percent tariff on most bike products imported from China. The federal government announced last week its consideration for increasing the proposed tariff from 10 to 25 percent, which includes a variety of products from bicycles to helmets.

This proposed 10 percent tariff comes after last week's proposal by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to increase tariffs on e-bikes and motors imported from China to 25 percent. NABSA submitted <u>comments on behalf of the bikeshare industry</u>, and urges members to submit a comment in opposition to USTR through the <u>PeopleForBikes organized comment form</u> or directly through the <u>USTR comment site</u>.

WHY: The proposed tariff on bicycle products would significantly increase the cost to implement and operate bikeshare for cities, companies, nonprofits and bikeshare users who depend on it.

According to NABSA, this would harm the bikeshare industry, which relies on the products and accessories listed in the proposed tariff to grow the industry and maintain shared-use bicycles in safe and working order. NABSA urges for a revised proposal that removes bicycles and related products from its scope.

WHO:

• Bikeshare industry experts from the North American Bikeshare Association

INTERVIEW: To schedule an interview with NABSA Executive Director Samantha Herr, please contact Hailey Bossert: <u>hailey@gomixte.com</u>, <u>858-437-2654</u>.

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NORTH AMERICAN BIKESHARE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 2014, NABSA is the member-driven non-profit organization of and for the bike-sharing industry in North America. NABSA's mission is to provide support for the bikeshare community and accelerate the growth of bikeshare systems across North America and the world.