

House Bill 0284 – Dedicated Bus Lane Enforcement

POSITION: SUPPORT

Testimony of Grant Corley, resident of Baltimore

I, Grant Corley, strongly support House Bill 0284, and I urge the House Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a favorable report on the bill.

In a city where more than 30% of residents do not have access to a car, Baltimore's transit system relies overwhelmingly on buses. That means an enormous segment of our population depends on buses to get to work, school, medical appointments, and daily errands. However, buses are often late and unreliable because they are stuck in traffic.

That's why protected bus lanes are the best way to make Baltimore's transit system work better *immediately*. However -- bus lanes must actually be enforced.

HB284 will:

- protect dedicated bus lanes so buses move faster and more reliably
- use existing, stationary cameras to issue citations for unauthorized blocking of lane
- preserve your ability to turn right when you need to
- require a public education campaign to inform folks and raise awareness
- promote curbside management planning, so that deliveries and drop offs are doable
- lay the groundwork for a world class transit system, which Baltimore requires in order to grow its economy and stem its loss of population

For these reasons, I strongly support HB284 and urge the Committee to issue a favorable report.

Thank you,

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