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**Senate Judicial Proceeding  
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

*SB745- Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception*

Accessible Resources for Independence, The Freedom Center, The IMAGE Center, Independence Now, and Resources for Independence are disability resource and advocacy organizations run by and for people with disabilities. We are small, but mighty non-profits serving 12 counties in Maryland.

**Accessible Resources for Independence, The Freedom Center, The IMAGE Center, Independence Now, and Resources for Independence are oppose SB745- Vehicle Laws - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders - Exception.** SB745 allows for motorcycle riders to ride without a helmet if conditions are met.

People with disabilities face barriers to full inclusion into the community. One of the barriers that we often see is that there are not enough quality services to support people to live in the community especially if you are not receiving Medicaid. If enacted this piece of legislation will put more people at risk for head injuries. Creating a larger population of people with disabilities will put a further strain on the system.

We respectfully urge this committee oppose SB745.

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