



Chair William C. Smith, Jr.  
and Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

March 5, 2024

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Regional Policy Director for [Greater Greater Washington](#), a nonprofit that works to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in land use, transportation, and housing throughout Greater Washington. **GGWash supports Senate Bill 943, the Better Bus Service Act**, which would allow local jurisdictions to enforce bus lane violations.

Maryland has a growing network of bus lanes, which give thousands of bus riders a faster, more reliable trip each day. However, we only get the full benefit of the public's investment in bus lanes when they're clear and free for buses to move. The Better Bus Service Act would make it illegal for private vehicles to drive, park, or stand in a bus lane. It would also allow local jurisdictions and transit agencies to use bus lane monitoring systems, including traffic cameras, which are shown to be effective at changing driver behavior<sup>1</sup>. This bill would also create a Workgroup on Curb Space Management that would provide recommendations on how to manage the many competing uses for the curbside on busy roads, such as bus lanes, bike lanes, parking, deliveries, and pick-ups and drop-offs.

The Better Bus Service Act will ensure that busy Maryland roads work better for everyone, while ensuring that travelers can get where they're going reliably and safely. We ask the Judicial Proceedings Committee to give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Reed'.

Dan Reed  
Regional Policy Director

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<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/speed-cameras-reduce-injury-crashes-in-maryland-county-iihs-study-shows#:~:text=They%20found%20that%20the%20cameras,police%20officer%20on%20the%20scene.>

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