

**Please Support Senate Bill 698**  
**Vehicle Laws - Dangerous Accumulations of Snow and Ice -**  
**Removal From Exposed Vehicle Surfaces**

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To:

Honorable Senator William C. Smith Jr., Chair  
Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair  
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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I would like to express my support of Senate Bill 698, which would prohibit operating or towing a vehicle without first removing accumulated snow and ice from exposed vehicle surfaces.

Serious injuries and deaths have occurred from snow and ice dislodging from moving vehicles. Sheets of compacted snow and ice, also known as "ice missiles", create a dangerous roadway hazard; at best they obstruct driver visibility, at worst they cause serious collisions.

Senate Bill 698, if passed into law, will prevent avoidable crashes and injuries. Clearing accumulated snow and ice is just common sense and consideration for fellow motorists.

Several other states, including New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, have passed "ice missile" laws which require removal of snow and ice from vehicle roofs, hoods, trunks, and windows. Maryland needs to join these states in ensuring the safety of its residents.

Personally, when I have found myself driving behind a vehicle with accumulated snow and ice, I try to put space between us to avoid possible ice missiles. And I have always thought, "There should be a law against this." Now is our chance.

In Maryland, snow happens. By passing Senate Bill 698, we can take a common-sense approach to reduce roadway hazards and protect all people using our Maryland roadways.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 698.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mindy Badin