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To: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Ken Eaton, Director, Executive Director, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

Date: January 26, 2026

Re: **SB68** - Driver's Licenses - Driver Skills Examination - Motorcycle Safety Awareness

Position: **FAVORABLE: SUPPORT**

As the Executive Director of ABATE of Maryland, Inc., I am proud to speak on behalf of the more than 100,000 registered on-road motorcyclists across our state. Since 1974, our organization has remained steadfast in our mission: "*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road & Responsible Motorcycle Legislation.*"

For over five decades, our members have not just advocated for rights but have actively championed personal responsibility. We believe that training and education are the most effective methods for reducing accidents and preventing injuries. However, education must be supported by sound policy.

SB 68 is a critical component in that equation. It provides a necessary enhancement to our current safety framework, offering tangible support to our goal of making Maryland roads safer for all users. We applaud Senator Charles for his leadership and foresight in introducing this vital legislation. ABATE of Maryland stands firmly united behind these efforts.

We urge this committee to recognize the safety benefits of this bill and issue a FAVORABLE report on SB 68.

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