



# *Support HB1186 Must Appear Violation*

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House Judiciary Committee  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT House Bill 1186

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of District 33, president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (“BikeAAA”), Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission, Member of the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force and avid Maryland cyclist for over 20 years. On behalf of BikeAAA and its more than 900 members, I support HB1186. This bill requires a driver who kills someone through reckless or negligent driving to appear in court. There are gaps in current Maryland traffic laws that consider only the degree of negligence and do not consider the consequence to the victim. This law fills one of those gaps and thereby strengthens deterrence while providing an increased measure of justice for the victim’s family. It complements other important gap-filling legislation in the current session such as HB721 Vulnerable Road Users which raises the level of care when drivers are in proximity to pedestrians, wheelchair users, bicyclists and others lawfully using or crossing our roads.

Please support HB1186 to improve safety and justice while reducing fatalities on Maryland roads.

Sincerely,

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