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**Testimony for Senate Bill 312**  
**Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Hoopers Island and Taylors Island**  
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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 312: Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Hoopers Island and Taylors Island. This bill authorizes an individual to operate a golf cart on local highways on Upper and Middle Hoopers Island, as well as Taylors Island in Dorchester County.

Senate Bill 312 is similar to legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2018, which created an exception for golf carts in Vienna. As a request from Dorchester County, this legislation will promote tourism and expand accessibility on the islands. The bill will help maintain rural landscapes and natural resources, while also giving residents and tourists another method of transportation. Senate Bill 312 passed the Senate unanimously last year and will continue to encourage tourism and economic development in Dorchester County.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 312.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Addie C. Eckardt'.

Senator Addie C. Eckardt

