



Support HB656 ***Safe Roads for All***

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House Environment & Transportation Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT House Bill 656

Dear Chair 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, and former Member of the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force. On behalf of BikeAAA and its more than 1,000 members, we support HB656. Fatalities and injuries continue to rise from crashes involving vulnerable road users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, people with disabilities and first responders. Maryland must assure that its adoption of Vision Zero is not just a slogan but that we are taking concrete actions to reduce the number of crashes and the severity of injury when they happen. Maryland’s commitment to Complete Streets and Vision Zero call for adjustments to road design that provide accommodations and safety safer for all users, especially our most vulnerable who are not in motor vehicles. A disproportionate number of crashes resulting in death and injury occur on state roadways and Maryland SHA must lead in reversing this deadly trend. A shift in mode from single occupancy vehicles to walking, biking and other forms of micromobility is the best way to relieve congestion, protect our environment, improve health, strengthen our economy and provide equitable travel options. This legislation assures implementation of Maryland’s adoption of Vision Zero in 2019 and Complete Streets in 2018.

Please support HB656 to make Maryland’s roads safe for all users, especially our most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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