



Support HB404 Speed Limits

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House Environment & Transportation Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT House Bill 404

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 it’s more than 1,000 members, we support HB404. This bill will empower local jurisdictions to assess and reduce speed limits. This is especially important for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, the elderly, people with disabilities and schoolchildren who may cross or travel along our roads to access schools, parks, shopping areas and other destinations. Local jurisdictions are most aware of the use and context of local roads and should have the authority to reduce speed limits to increase safety. This bill also aligns with Maryland’s commitment to Vision Zero and the increasing adoption of Vision Zero by Maryland counties. Anne Arundel County is in the process of adopting Vision Zero.

Speed reduction reduces both the likelihood of a crash and also the severity of injury if a crash occurs. Please support HB404 to improve safety, especially for our most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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