



HB0656/SB 0880

HB 0254/SB 0874

Bill Title: The SAFE Roads Act and the Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022

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Position: SUPPORT

Dear Delegates,

I'm Greg Cantori, we own a handyman company to benefit those with disabilities and aging in place. We also own a home with our daughter at 4403 Faroe Place, Rockville MD 20853 just a few blocks from very dangerous Viers Mill Road.

There have been an alarming number of pedestrian and cyclist fatalities along Viers Mill Road and nearby 355.

The SAFE Roads Act (HB 0656/SB 0880) and the Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022 (HB 0254/SB 0874) could begin the process of making both of these state highways safer for non-drivers.

We and our children deserve to be able to walk to work, shopping, and school safely. Bus riders should be able to get to their stops safely. I'd like to be able to safely ride a bike to a metro station. Yet, traffic incidents on state-controlled roads continue.

In Montgomery County on one weekend alone, three pedestrians were killed by vehicles within hours of each other. Inexcusably, we continue to have pedestrian injuries and deaths at the SAME intersections, even when we've been asking for safety measures for years. This is a serious equity issue, as victims are more likely to take the bus and are disproportionately lower-income and people of color.

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We can save lives with simple policies and budgetary fixtures. We need action from the General Assembly to make that happen.

Please pass the SAFE Roads Act (HB 0656/SB 0880) and the Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022 (HB 0254/SB 0874).

Thank you

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