

Cobb Island Gold Cart legislation

Andie Corby <andiecorby2@comcast.net>

Mon 3/7/2022 5:13 PM

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Data Stein

Please be advised that we are in complete agreement for the approval of Golf Cart usage on Cobb Island as outlined in the pending bill.

Sincerely,

Andria J. Corby

James E. Corby

15025 Potomac River Drive

Cobb Island, MD 20625

Golf Cart Legalization Support

March 8, 2022

To: Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

I support the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island.

Bill Hocker

Billtheloanman <billtheloanman@aol.com>

12116 Neale Sound Drive

PO Box 278

Cobb Island, Maryland 20625

301-752-4933

Re: Golf Cart Legalization Support

Tompa, Gregory (MPD) <gregory.tompa@dc.gov>

Mon 3/7/2022 3:55 PM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island, MD

Thank You,

Greg Tompa

14924 Potomac River Drive

Cobb Island MD 20625

March 7, 2022

Paul Koch
12101 Neale Sound Drive 385
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625

Environment and Transportation Committee
Chair: Hon. Delegate Kumar P. Barve
Vice Chair: Hon. Delegate Dana Stein

I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island. I am handicapped and cannot walk and this would make it a lot easier for me to get around on the Island. Please do whatever you can to help make this possible.

Thank you,

Paul Koch

Golf Carts

carol davis <dlorac51@yahoo.com>

Wed 2/23/2022 12:04 PM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

February 23, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

Delegates:

I'm writing in support of legislation to permit Cobb Island to have an exception to Maryland Law concerning golf carts. They are an ideal vehicle here on our small island. Folks utilize them for trips to the Post Office, the market, visiting friends, enjoying our spectacular sunsets, and hauling items such as groceries and firewood (that's what I do frequently!) around the island. Our streets are narrow, with a slow speed limit, and of course the island is a separate entity from the mainland. We have all the factors and situations that lend themselves to golf carts. Weather isn't much of a factor here, either, as folks use the carts year-round, though naturally more in the good weather. They are quieter than motorized vehicles, and certainly reduce pollution from gas-powered cars and trucks. Saving money on gas is becoming more important as well.

Golf carts are perfect for Cobb Island, and Cobb Island is perfect for golf carts!

Thank you,

Carol A. Davis
16649 Burlison Drive
Cobb Island, MD 20625

301-653-1967

SB076 letter

Sue Miller <sueamiller@yahoo.com>

Tue 2/22/2022 8:10 AM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

February 22, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Committee Members,

Thank you for your time reviewing our request. I am in support for the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island per the details listed in SB076. I just recently moved to Cobb Island- it is a great place to live. Everyone is friendly and helps each other out. It is a tight knit community that comes together for events throughout the year. Having the golf carts legalized helps us all to continue to get around the island for fun and safe activities. We would love to have you all come down for a visit! Thank you very much.

Sue Miller

17470 Audrey Rd

Cobb Island, MD 20625

Thu 3/10/2022 3:44 PM

To:

>> Environment and Transportation Committee

>> Chair: Del. Kumar Barve, Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

>> RE: Legalization of Golf Carts on Cobb Island

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>> Dear Chairman Brave, Vice Chair Stein, and Committee Members:

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>> We are a small waterfront community who enjoy walking, biking and to have Golf Carts would only enhance the enjoyability of living here. This will be a positive addition to our small community.

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>> Please consider the legalization of Golf Carts on Cobb Island, MD.

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>> Will Lawman

>> 12349 Neale Sound Drive

>> PO Box 25

>> Cobb Island, MD 20625

Cobb Island Golf Cart - SB76

Andie Corby <andiecorby2@comcast.net>

Tue 2/22/2022 9:24 AM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Environment and Transportation Committee

Attention: Chair: Del.Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

This letter is in support of SB76 for Golf Cart approval for Cobb Island, MD as proposed. We are a small community of many older residents and legalizing Golf Carts in our community would be a benefit and convenience for many.

Thank you,

Andria Corby
15025 Potomac River Drive
Cobb Island, MD 20625

(No subject)

Sue Shymansky <saltysuz60@gmail.com>

Tue 2/22/2022 6:43 PM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

Delegates,

I support the legalizing of golf carts on Cobb Island, Md. Our community is small. We travel daily to get our mail at the post office. Our grocery store is also on the island. Certainly legalizing golf carts would cut down on the fueled vehicles traveling our roadway. Less vehicle use makes it safer for our bikers, walkers, runners of all ages. Please vote yes and legalize golf carts for our island. A plus, it cuts down on auto emissions!

Lloyd J. Welch

P. O. Box 74

Cobb Island, Md. 20625

(No subject)

Sue Shymansky <saltysuz60@gmail.com>

Tue 2/22/2022 6:34 PM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

February 22, 2022

Committee,

I am a lifelong resident of Cobb Island, Md in Charles County. I support the legalization of golf carts. We are a small community and allowing golf carts would certainly reduce our auto traffic on the roadway. We do not have rural route mail delivery so residents travel to our post office daily. There are many children on the island riding bikes, playing at the playground and just as many of all ages walking/running. Certainly golf carts will make our roads safer. Please vote yes, make our roads safer and reduce automobile emissions!

Sue Shymansky

P. O. Box 280

Cobb Island, Md 20625

February 17, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

Re: In favor of SB76

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Dana, and Committee Members,

As members of the Cobb Island community, my husband and I are in favor of legalizing golf carts on the island. In addition to the environmental benefits of less gas and noise pollution, it allows for a greater sense of community. Speeding is kept down, and people are more likely to stop and talk to neighbors. For older folks with diminished mobility, it is a way to still get to the west end of the island to enjoy the beautiful sunsets or to the post office to retrieve mail. It is another way to enjoy being outdoors as you run errands or go out to enjoy the local restaurants.

A golf cart community reflects a simpler way of life, which is one of the reasons we were drawn to Cobb Island. We see it as a real perk.

Sincerely,

Janice Elliott

Mark Elliott

11995 Neale Sound Dr

Cobb Island, MD 20625

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

In favor of SB076

Dear Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve, Vice Chair: Del. Dana, and Committee Members.

I have been a resident of Cobb Island, Maryland for 22 years and I am writing to you in favor of SB076. If you have visited Cobb Island, MD you will have likely noted that we live in a very small, rural community that is approximately 30 minutes from the nearest stores and towns. We do not have mailboxes here, and instead we have PO Boxes - this means that we have to make a drive down the road to pick up our mail every day. Living in a waterfront community it has always been very enjoyable to take a golf cart ride to the post office, or local coffee shop while enjoying the nice weather, fresh air, and encounters with neighbors (something not as easily obtained while riding in a car). Golf carts allow for everyone to slow down, both with their daily lives and with literal vehicle speeds. There is nothing better than getting home from a long day of work in the city and being able to take a golf cart ride to decompress, watch the sunset at the other end of the island, breathe fresh air, spend time with family, and interact with neighbors. Also, the majority of the golf carts on the island are battery operated which helps save on emissions. I have also noticed that many of the people who own golf carts are 65 and older, they allow those people to get out of their house and see their community members which is always beneficial for their mental health when they might not be able to walk a great distance. I hope that you consider our community's pleas as this has been an ongoing issue since 2012 or earlier that I remember and we would like to finally put this issue to rest and have a standard set of guidelines to follow. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Pence

Rochelle Creighton-Tompa
14924 Potomac River Drive
Cobb Island MD 20625

March 7, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I support the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island and hope your committee will pass Senator Ellis's bill submission for the island residents.

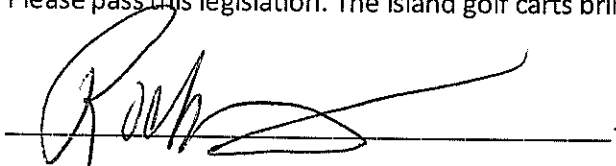
I am the president of the Cobb Island Citizens Association. I've lived on Cobb Island full time since August 2015. This is a quaint community with old fashioned values, events, and activities. Because of the atmosphere, which includes golf carts, we chose to live here full time. Initially we had a weekend cottage.

There are an estimated 70 golf carts on the island. The speed limit is posted at 25 but most islanders drive 20 miles per hour. There are warning signs for golf carts encircling the island. Most visitors and newcomers assume golf carts are legal and immediately purchase on to add to their island enjoyment.

By legalizing golf carts, you will provide the islanders with peace of mind in knowing they are driving their carts legally. The legalization will also provide a deterrent for unlicensed drivers to hold off till licensed. The law will require a driver to hold a license and we islanders will enforce that law with a simple warning or visit to the parent.

Golf carts are used in parades and as transportation to our local church, restaurants, fire department, field, playground, and market. Most of us feel it is our means of transportation once we are back on the island.

Please pass this legislation. The island golf carts bring joy to we islanders, and we request your support.



Rochelle Creighton-Tompa

Jeremiah Tompa
PO Box 9
14924 Potomac River Drive
Cobb Island MD 20625

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

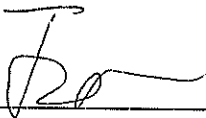
Dear Honorable Representatives,

I support the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island and hope your committee will pass Senator Ellis's bill submission for the island residents.

My family is fortunate enough to afford a low-speed vehicle. Most islanders are not, including a lot of my friends families.

The golf carts are already on the island and people are driving them illegally. Most don't even know this. Each spring, you see more on the roads.

Everyone enjoys their golf carts, and we all hope you will pass this legislation, so they are legal on the island.



Jeremiah Tompa, Island Resident

McKinlee Hardesty

Cobb Island MD 20625

March 8, 2022

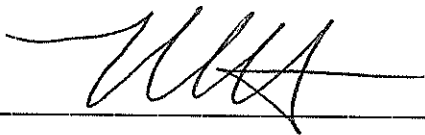
Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I have been a resident of Cobb Island for the last 21 years, since I was born. We are a quiet community. We look out for one another and rely on our neighbors like we do our family. I am writing to you in support of SB 076 which will legalize golf carts in our community. Golf carts provide a safe alternative to driving a standard vehicle. Our speed limit is 25mph and 15mph recommended around the playground, I believe that golf carts eliminate a lot of the risk that surrounds people speeding on our roads and the possibility of an accident occurring. The members of our community frequently utilize the market, local restaurants, and playground, if those members could move about freely using a golf cart instead of their personal vehicles, the volume of vehicles on our narrow roads at any given time is significantly decreased. For this reason, I strongly urge you to vote in favor for SB 076. Thank you.



McKinlee Hardesty, Island Resident

Faye Hilton

Cobb Island MD 20625

March 8, 2022

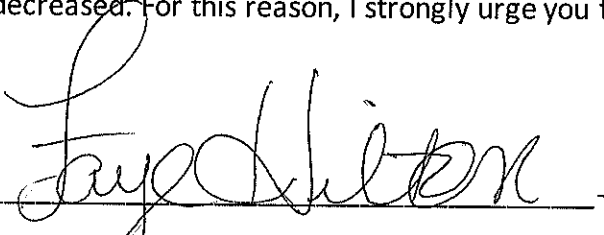
Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

Dear Honorable Representatives,

I have been a resident of Cobb Island for the last 6 years. We are a quiet community. We look out for one another, and our neighborhood is like one big family. I am writing to you in support of SB 076 which will legalize golf carts in our community. Golf carts provide a safe alternative to driving a standard vehicle. Our roads have a speed limit of 25mph and 15mph recommended around the playground, I believe that golf carts would eliminate a lot of the risk that surrounds people speeding on our roads and the possibility of an accident occurring. The members of our community frequently utilize the local businesses such as the market, restaurants, and the local playground, if those members could move about freely using a golf cart instead of their personal vehicles, the volume of vehicles on our narrow roads at any given time is significantly decreased. For this reason, I strongly urge you to vote in favor for SB 076. Thank you.



Faye Hilton

Faye Hilton, Island Resident

John <firefighterems299@gmail.com>

Tue 3/8/2022 8:49 AM

To: Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

Thank you for your assistance. I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island. I am a local and believe legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island is best for the community.

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

RE: SB76 Golf Cart Legalization on Cobb Island, Maryland

I am writing IN support of legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island, Maryland.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Pence", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig Pence

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

RE: SB76 Golf Cart Legalization on Cobb Island, Maryland

I am writing IN support of legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island, Maryland.

Thank you,

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Beth Pence

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

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Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

RE: SB76 Golf Cart Legalization on Cobb Island, Maryland

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Thank you,

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Anna Pence

carol davis <dlorac51@yahoo.com>

Tue 3/8/2022 10:34 AM

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

Gentlemen:

As a resident of Cobb Island, and a golf cart owner, I am in support of legislation that will legally allow the carts here. So many of us have found them to be not just a source of recreation, but a valuable vehicle with which to run errands, visit friends, save gas (!!!), and eliminate the noise and pollution of our cars and trucks. They are ideal on our narrow streets with slow speed limits as well. Golf carts are perfect here, and the Island provides the perfect atmosphere and conditions for them.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.

Carol Davis
16649 Burleson Drive
Cobb Island, MD 20625

301-653-1967

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island.

Respectfully,

Linda Demas

Resident

linda.demas@yahoo.com

Tue 3/8/2022 6:25 PM

From: bjlawman2265@gmail.com
Date: March 10, 2022 at 3:11:09 PM EST
To: Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com
Subject: **Golf Cart Legalization**

TO: Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island, Maryland.

Bill Lawman

PO Box 36

17203 Neale Road

Cobb Island, MD 20625

From: bjlawman2265@gmail.com
Date: March 10, 2022 at 3:08:49 PM EST
To: Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com
Subject: **Golf Cart Legalization**

TO: Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

I support legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island, Maryland.

Joellen Lawman

PO Box 36

17203 Neale Road

Cobb Island, MD 20625

Thu 3/10/2022 3:44 PM

To:

>> Environment and Transportation Committee

>> Chair: Del. Kumar Barve, Vice Chair: Del. Dana Stein

>> RE: Legalization of Golf Carts on Cobb Island

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>> Dear Chairman Brave, Vice Chair Stein, and Committee Members:

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>> We are a small waterfront community who enjoy walking, biking and to have Golf Carts would only enhance the enjoyability of living here. This will be a positive addition to our small community.

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>> Please consider the legalization of Golf Carts on Cobb Island, MD.

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>> Michelle Lawman

>> 12349 Neale Sound Drive

>> PO Box 25

>> Cobb Island, MD 20625

February 18, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve

Vice Chair: Del. Dana

RE: In Favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Dana,

I am writing in favor of SB076 for Cobb Island, MD. I believe this legislation will prove beneficial for our community in a number of ways. I believe that the lower speeds will have less property damage and injury should an incident occur. Cobb Island has ongoing issues with people speeding and having a the legal ability to have golf carts may minimize the number of residents using full size vehicles to run to the store, post office or restaurants to pick up food. In addition, I believe it will allow people to enjoy the beautiful neighborhood we have and truly embrace the charm of Cobb Island. This also benefits those that may not have the physical ability to take a walk or go for a run.

I believe that rules such as driving, as close to the right as safely possible and yielding the right of way to full size vehicles, equipping the vehicles with headlights for night and restricting non-licensed drivers are common sense rules.

This community has fought for this for several years with no success. As The Island evolves and is slowly becoming a resort community it is just one added bonus for people to enjoy or little piece of heaven and as I mentioned above, I believe it will make it safer for our walkers, runners, and kids that are out playing.

I ask you to vote in favor of this. If you are on the fence about this decision, please put yourself in our shoes. Would you like to be able to hop on the golf cart and take a quick ride to blow off steam? Go to watch the sunset on a summer evening? Maybe have a little piece of mind that there are not as many cars that will be exceeding the 25 mph limit that could cause a tragic accident that may involve one of your fellow neighbors or child? If any of that sounds as good to you as it does us, you will vote "yes" to SB076.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dawn L. Brett (Full Time Resident)

Mindy Millar
18334 Oakland Drive
PO Box 95
Cobb Island, MD 20625

February 18, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee
Chair: Del. Kumar P. Barve
Vice Chair: Del. Dana

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Dana and Committee Members,

I am writing to you to request your support for SB076, which will legalize the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles in my community, and more importantly, provides guidelines for safe operations of these vehicles.

Cobb Island is an ideal place for the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles. With the speed limit of 25 MPH and the narrow roads, golf carts and low speed vehicles are the perfect form of transportation around the island. Many are in use now, and in my opinion, I would rather see these vehicles on the street in the summertime when the foot traffic increases with more people out walking and children playing. There would be less chance of accidents and injury, when operated safely with set guidelines. SB076 provides the needed guidance for operating golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island, including the requirement that users must be licensed drivers and only operated from dusk to dawn unless equipped with lights.

For this reason, I urge you to act in favor of SB076.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Mindy
Millar**

Digitally signed by Mindy
Millar
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c=US
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Cobb Island Citizens Association
13201 Main Avenue
P.O. Box 268
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625-0268

House of Representatives, Environment and Transportation Committee
Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman
Delegate Dana Stein, Vice Chairman
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

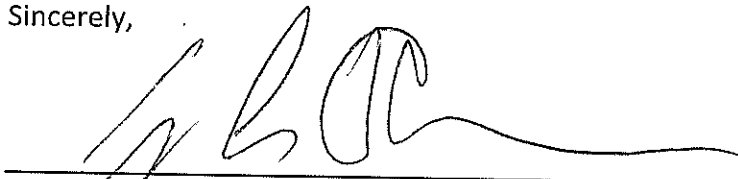
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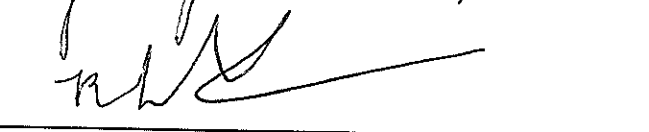
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Currently there are no regulations or safety requirements to address this issue. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Jody DeBarn



Ryan Miller

John T. Beech









Jack Thompson

Susan Miller Buckley



Cobb Island Citizens Association
13201 Main Avenue
P.O. Box 268
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625-0268

House of Representatives, Environment and Transportation Committee
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House Office Building, Room 251
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Sincerely,

Maria Rile

James M. Hill Jr.

Lu f Lopez

Rosemary Hess

Robert Jamieson

Gay C. Hess

Barbara McEwen

David Cuyt

[Signature]

Bonita Kingsley

Donald W. Hill

Jane Shu

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Sincerely,

Andrea Clancy Wood

Jackie Snyles

Barbara & David Robinson

Peg Gresham

Jake Mott

Jae Kurbala

Debra Bowie

Juli Z Johnson

Mark & Barbara

John & Susan

WJ Lawson

Anne M Machetto