

House Environment and Transportation Committee

House Office Building
6 Bladen Street, Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Testimony on HB0077
Motor Vehicles - Operation of Dirt Bikes - Prohibited Acts
Criminalizing Riding Dirt Bikes**

Position: Oppose

January 19, 2022

Dear **Chairman Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:**

We, the undersigned organizations, write in opposition of HB0077, which provides for imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both for dirt bike riders that ride recklessly and/or on streets.

As organizations dedicated to the empowerment of Marylanders and the uplifting of their humanity, we strongly oppose passage of this piece of legislation. B-360 has been on a mission to utilize dirt bike culture to end the cycle of poverty, disrupt the prison pipeline, and build bridges in communities. The organization works to shift street riders out of traffic into programming, safe spaces, and opportunities around their love of dirt bikes and skills.

HB0077 should not receive a favorable report because if passed it would unjustly target, imprison and fine dirt bike riders the end result being an increase in the incarceration of black people that have committed nonviolent offenses, penalties that are disproportionate to the offense.

We urge you to issue an unfavorable report on HB0077.
Sincerely,

B-360
ACLU of Maryland
Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle

