

January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith,  
Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for SB076

Senators Smith and Waldstreicher,

I am a resident of Cobb Island, Md., and am writing in support of Golf Cart legislation SB076.

I am an owner of a titled and registered Low Speed Vehicle and appreciate the flexibility this gives me in my community. While golf carts are not legal at this time, many residents on the island utilize them for convenience and to cut down on vehicular traffic. Reducing the congestion of vehicular traffic alone will help make our community greener and safer.

Just as importantly, I believe that legalizing the use of golf carts on the island will add tremendously to the quality of life for many residents - seniors or those with physical challenges or health issues. A golf cart allows a prolonged sense of independence for residents who may otherwise be marginalized.

While I support this legislation, I also support some oversight regarding the responsibilities of golf cart owners and drivers, including a minimum age and level of driving skill and some form of required liability insurance related to the operation of a golf cart (like that required of LSV owners).

Cobb Island is an isolated community that lends itself well to this legislation, which will improve the quality of life for residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Theismann  
P.O. Box 122  
12058 Neale Sound Drive  
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625  
Cell: 202-270-3062

January 14, 2022

Chad and Stacey Kieffer  
11914 Neale Sound Drive  
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chari Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

This letter is in support of legalizing golf carts use in Cobb Island, Maryland. We are a small community and I believe Low Speed Vehicles have always been used safely in our community. The speed limit on Cobb Island does not exceed 25 miles per hour and we are a residential community, away from a public highway. Golf Cart use is a more affordable, greener option for transportation considering the size of our waterfront community. It also gives our seniors the freedom they crave while transporting themselves safely at lower speeds.

Regards,



Chad Kieffer



Stacey Kieffer

1-14-22

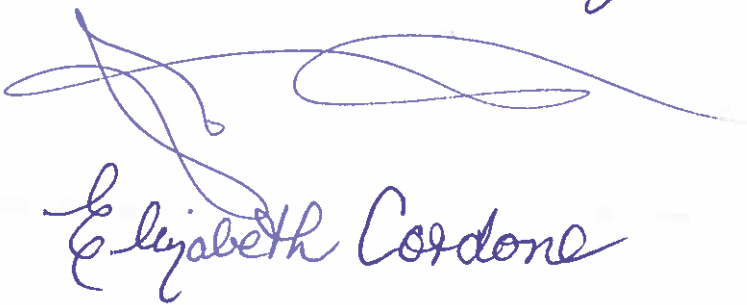
Senator William C Smith

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher

Dear Sir

We are in support of SB076.  
legalizes Golf Carts on Cobb Island  
they will enhance and improve  
Cobb Island.

Thankyou very much.



14933 Potomac River DR.  
Cobb Island

**Letter**

Janice Elliott <janleighelliott@gmail.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 8:49 AM

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

January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings

Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, 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

Sent from my iPad Sent from my iPad

## Legalization of Golf Carts

Will Lawman <pgfdert@yahoo.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 10:32 AM

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

> January 18, 2022

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> Senate Judicial Proceeding

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> Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

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> 2 East Miller Senate Building

> Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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> RE: In favor of SB076

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> Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

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> We are in support of legalization of Golf Carts on Cobb Island, MD.

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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 and Michelle Lawman

> 12349 Neale Sound Drive

> PO Box 25

> Cobb Island, MD 20625

Sent from my iPhone

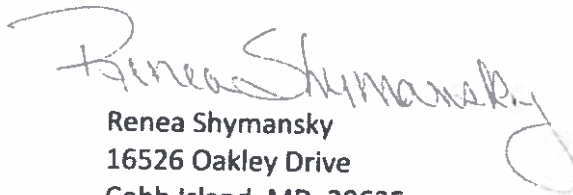
January 14, 2022

Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee:

I respectfully request that the committee members vote to enact SB 706 as proposed to ensure golf cart safety on Cobb Island. Currently there is no regulation or requirement to address this issue. The use of golf carts makes it much easier to travel on the Island as long as it is done so safely. I also don't have an issue with minors driving the golf carts as long as they were accompanied by a licensed driver.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Renea Shymansky  
16526 Oakley Drive  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In Favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

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)

## Cobb Island, Golf Cart Legislation

Lynn Boniface <lynn.boniface@gmail.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 9:48 AM

To: Lynn Boniface <lynn.boniface@gmail.com>; Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

To Whom it Concerns:

As an active member of the Cobb Island community my entire life (70+ years), I wish to come out strongly in favor of legalizing the use of golf carts in our unique community, both on the island and in the immediate adjacent areas frequently used by islanders. The use of golf carts has proliferated steadily in the recent decades and has become a very common convenience to simplify getting around on the island as well to the businesses just over the bridge. As such, our Cobb Island community is naturally set up to easily define the area in which these low speed vehicles should be allowed to operate.

I do hope the "powers that be" judge favorably to authorize the use of these golf carts that are so popular and so extensively utilized by our local residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Lynn Boniface  
15215 Potomac River Dr,  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

(571) 313-9616  
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## Golf carts

Steven Moy <stevendmoy@gmail.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 9:42 AM

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

Good evening,

Good evening,

I support the use of golf carts here on Cobb Island. I am a home owner and I own 2 golf carts. Would much rather have golf carts on the roads here then additional vehicles. My address is 17925 Cypress Dr Cobb Island, Md 20625. Phone # 301-399-7208

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

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

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January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

I am writing to you to request your support for SB 076, 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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email=ccso1333@aol.com, c=US  
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**Fw: Golf cart community**

Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:37 PM

To: Ellis, Arthur Senator <Arthur.Ellis@senate.state.md.us>

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**From:** Richard Gardiner <richg215@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:35 PM

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

**Subject:** Golf cart community

Hello Rachel,

I am sending this email in support of cobb island becoming a golf cart community. I believe this will help to get the community outdoors enjoy our vacation style atmosphere on the island. Making Cobb Island a golf cart community would provide a unique lifestyle only found here in Southern maryland!

Thank you,

Richard Gardiner  
16077 Cobb Island Rd.  
Newburg, MD 20664

Date: January 13, 2022

To: Our Legislatures via the Cobb Island Citizen's Association President

From: Deborah A. Gerondakis

Re: Golf Cart Allowance on Cobb Island, Maryland

This letter is to inform you of my full support of golf carts on Cobb Island. Being able to use golf carts would have a major impact on our environment here. (As you may know, we are downwind of the Morgantown Generating Station and soot is everywhere.) The air quality would be greatly improved.

There are many senior citizens on the island who would benefit from the passing of this legislation. I believe it would be safer for them to get in a golf cart and go to the Island store and post office than to get in a vehicle they can no longer see above the dashboard and find themselves in a ditch.

As a retired fire department member, there were many events being held on Fisherman's Field that a golf cart would have come in very handy loading items back and forth, but instead, fire department vehicles were used, leaving no parking spaces for the residents or vendors to enjoy the events. Having golf carts for the department would not only save on parking spaces, but again, also help our environment.

Having the convenience of getting in a golf cart and visiting a sick person, picking up mail, going to the Island store, or meetings at the fire department and Association meetings or events, would greatly improve the quality of life in our rural area.

Thank you for you time.

**SB 706**

Pat H <racer369@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:22 PM

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

Patrick Hood  
Kimberli Hood  
Seth Hood  
16547 Oakley Dr  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

January 14, 2022

Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
RE: In favor of SB076  
Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members

1/14/22

We respectfully request that the committee members vote to enact SB 706 as proposed to ensure golf cart safety on Cobb Island. Currently there is no regulation or requirement to address this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  
**Patrick Hood**  
Patrick Hood  
**Kimberli Hood**  
Kimberli Hood  
Seth Hood  
Seth Hood

January 13, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, 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 sun set 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 communities pleas as this has been an ongoing issue sense 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

To: Cobb Island Association

From: John & Darlene Hopkins

Date: January 13, 2022

Re: Golf Carts

We support the legalization of golf carts.

## Support for legalization of golf carts

Sue Miller <sueamiller@yahoo.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:13 PM

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

January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

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



## Proposed legislation concerning golf cart usage on Cobb Island, Md.

Sue Shymansky <saltysuz60@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:09 PM

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

January 18, 2022

State Judicial Proceedings Committee

Senator William C. Smith, Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, Md. 21401

Re: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Waldstreicher,

I am a lifelong resident of Cobb Island, Charles County, Md. Our community is unique in that it is a small true island connected to the mainland by a bridge. Measuring in approximately 3 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. We are a family oriented neighborhood. The law currently allows us the usage of Low Speed Vehicles registered and insured.

We are fortunate to have many children on the island. Children walk and ride bikes to the center of the island where our park is located. We also have a field where sports and other events are held. Across from the field you will find a restaurants, church, post office and grocery store. Our mail is delivered to the post office, we have no rural route delivery thus a lot of people driving to get their mail.

I mention this because it is why I feel safer having legal golf carts on our streets and less autos.

Residents can access all the places on the island in a cart safely. Our elderly especially. It gives them the opportunity to visit and shop easier than via auto.

Golf carts are electrical so less fumes! Even golf carts that run on fuel are so much more economic than an auto.

I believe making it legal to drive a golf cart under the recommended rules of law will benefit residents and safer for our streets. I strongly stand behind the requirements set forth in this bill.

I hope you vote favorably and allow this law to pass.

Thank you,

Sue Shymansky

P. O. Box 280

12538 Neale Sound Dr.

Cobb Island, Md. 20625



January 13, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Senators Smith and Waldstreicher,

I am writing you today in support of Golf Cart legislation SB076 for Cobb Island, Maryland 20625.

Cobb Island is a unique community that lends itself to a more laid-back lifestyle. Many in our community promote this feeling by driving golf carts on the island, albeit not legally. With the cost of gas alone the practice has gained more traction than ever before. However, the law does not allow for driving golf carts on the county roads and citizens can be ticketed by the police for doing so. My goal is to seek legalization, to make legal, driving golf carts on Cobb Island as a mode of transportation on the island.

Due to Cobb Island's isolated nature at the end of a dead end road it is ideal for this consideration. The Island's speed limit is already set at 25 miles per hour which makes it perfect for the safe use of golf carts. This concept is not meant to eliminate automobile traffic on the island. It merely is meant to promote a "greener" less congested approach to on-island transportation. While the following list is not meant to be all inclusive I do believe some rules must apply. I offer the following as possible considerations as seen in other communities having obtained the "Golf Cart Community" status.

1. Golf Carts could be allowed to be driven on Cobb Island up to and including the County's refuse site, Breeze Farm. The speed limit should be adjusted from that landmark accordingly. We have a number of physically challenged individuals on the island that would be helped considerably by extending the 30 MPH speed limit to Breeze Farm.

2. A sign could be posted at the entrance of Cobb Island or Breeze Farm advising drivers they are entering a Golf Cart community and caution should be used when driving on the island.
3. Speed limit signs should be posted prominently at the entrance of Cobb Island announcing the 25 mile per hour limit on the island.
4. All golf cart operators on Cobb island should be a minimum age and possess some level of driving training or acumen.
5. Before golf carts may be operated on Cobb Island roads and streets, the owners thereof should be required purchase and maintain liability insurance insuring against personal injury and damage to property of any nature relative to the operations of golf carts on Cobb Island roads and streets.

While this list is not meant to be all inclusive it is my attempt to provide possible solutions to provide a favorable outcome for your vote.

Thank you in advance for any help you might provide in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Hocker', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

William A. Hocker  
P.O. Box 278  
12116 Neale Sound Drive  
Cobb Island, Maryland 20625  
Cell: 301-752-4933

DATE: January 13, 2022

FROM: Mary Ann Scott  
29090 Greenhead Way  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
scottmaryann9@gmail.com  
301-848-5467

TO: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

REF: Legalization of Golf Carts - In favor of 58076

Dear Senators:

I own a cottage on Neale Sound that I bought this year. I worked on it for two months and rent it out.

I found everyone riding on golf carts exciting and neat to watch. I am jealous! I think it is just the neatest neighborhood.

So neat, in fact, that I have now a contract on another house in Cobb Island. I figure if I am going to have two houses, why can't they BOTH be on Cobb Island?

Everyone decorates their golf carts for holidays. I am so looking forward to moving down there.

I want a golf cart!

And if we need to LEGALIZE Golf Carts, let's please do it!

Thank you!

Mary Ann Scott

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Bruce W. Jenkins <bezzf@comcast.net>

Thu 1/13/2022 6:39 PM

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

January 13th 2022

Senate Judicial Committee

To: Chairman Senator William C. Smith Jr.,  
Vice Chairman Senator Jeff Waldstreicher.  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB076

Good sirs,

I am writing to express my support for SB076.

As a lifetime summer resident, now, a full time resident of Cobb Island, I have a deep connection to this place, with a family history going back to 1924 as my home was third built on the island. This place has a true sense of community that I've not found elsewhere. There are many reasons to support this initiative. Foremost in my view is that it takes many cars off the road for short trips. This is a quaint community, the carts ad an air of a casual vacation retreat. Given that the island is all residential streets, there is little concern for high speed vehicular conflict. I ask that the bill be passed.

Sincerely

Bruce W. Jenkins  
12000 Neale Sound Dr.  
PO Box 144  
Cobb Island Maryland 20625  
240-561-0266

## Golf cart community letter

Janice Elliott <janleighelliott@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 6:29 PM

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

January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings

Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: In favor of SB076

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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

Sent from my iPad

## Golf carts

Steven Moy <stevendmoy@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 6:21 PM

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

Good evening,

I support the use of golf carts here on Cobb Island. I am a home owner and I own 2 golf carts. Would much rather have golf carts on the roads here then additional vehicles.

Thank you,

Steve

Sent from my iPhone

January 13,2022

To whom it may concern,

I reside at 17889 Duvall Drive, Cobb Island MD. I write to voice my support to the proposed legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island. I am in support of legalization of golf carts as long as the operator is of age and a licensed driver. Please consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rice

[Jamierice289@yahoo.com](mailto:Jamierice289@yahoo.com)

301-643-0307



## Golf carts

Scott Grieshamer <sgriesh@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 5:58 PM

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

To whom it may concern:

I Scott Grieshamer, fully support the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island provided the cart has lights and mirrors. There are many reasons why golf carts benefit the community such as: golf carts only go 25mph max, they are extremely fuel efficient/ or electric (low emissions), it encourages people of all ages to go outside and enjoy the little piece of paradise. Please take this into consideration.

Thank you,

Scott Grieshamer

## Support of Golf Carts on Cobb Island

Corinne Barnett <corinnembarnett@gmail.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 5:38 PM

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

Dear Rochelle,

This email is in regard to supporting legislation to allow golf carts on Cobb Island. We are homeowners at 11972 Neale Sound Dr, Cobb Island, MD and recently purchased a golf cart (\$9000) specifically for use on the island. It has all of the required safety features such as lights, seat belts, turn signals, reflectors, mirrors, etc... From what we have personally witnessed there are many families who use golf carts to get around the island.

We purchased this home as a vacation property, in part, because the golf carts made it feel like a true "vacation town". We love driving it to the local restaurants or to the grocery store when we only need a few things. It is so nice not to have to get into the car and just be able to zip around on the golf cart. Please allow golf carts to be legally used on Cobb Island!

Thank you,

Dave Hebner & Corinne Barnett  
703-898-6511

Sent from my iPhone

## Golf cart community

Richard Gardiner <richg215@yahoo.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8.36 PM

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

Hello Rachel,

I am sending this email in support of cobb island becoming a golf cart community. I believe this will help to get the community outdoors enjoy our vacation style atmosphere on the island. Making Cobb Island a golf cart community would provide a unique lifestyle only found here in Southern maryland!

Thank you,

Richard Gardiner  
16077 Cobb Island Rd.  
Newburg, MD 20664

**Fw: Island golf carts**

Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:42 PM

To: Ellis, Arthur Senator <Arthur.Ellis@senate.state.md.us>

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**From:** GARY FRENCH <garyf4@prodigy.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 4:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Island golf carts

I, Gary French do support golf carts on Cobb Island with the following stipulation

- 1) must be at least 14 years old to operate a cart. NO warnings. Fines to the parents.
- 2) the line stops at the bridge. Any cart over that line would be subject to Md and County MVA laws.

Gary French

Sent from my iPhone

Jan 13, 2022

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of Cobb  
Island - address 15073 Potomac  
River Drive. I am in favor of  
legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island.

Linda Thomas  
15073 Potomac River Drive  
Cobb Island, Md  
20625

Re: Cobb Island Golf Cart

Kris Foote <kris.foote@yahoo.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:47 PM

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

Lisa and Kris Foote

16617 Burleson Dr

Cobb Island, Md

We are for legalization of safe golf cart use because we like to operate ours to fulfill enjoyable family time with our autistic daughter. She really enjoys the routine rides around the Island to see the beautiful sites.

Kris

On Jan 13, 2022, at 20:26, Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com> wrote:

Thanks Kris, but please resend with full names and address and one reason why. For example. We are for the legalization of golf carts because it would be nice to drive ours and know we are driving it legally.

Rochelle M. Creighton-Tompa, CLU, LUTCF

Creighton Insurance & Investments, Inc.

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**From:** Kris Foote <kris.foote@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 4:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Cobb Island Golf Cart

We are in support of the legalization of carts. Thank you very much for consideration.

January 13, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Beth Pence  
15087 Potomac River Dr  
Cobb Island MD 20625

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Committee Members

I am a homeowner on Cobb Island, Maryland. I am writing in support of SB076. Our small island is only a total of 3 miles around with a speed limit of 25mph. What I have witnessed with the pleasure of golf carts is a multitude of ways. Specifically, for a family to enjoy a sunset cruise, a mom or dad taking a child with disabilities for a ride to enjoy the outdoors, a senior citizen taking another senior citizen for a ride, a quick ride to the Post Office or Market. On Cobb Island we don't have mail delivery, so we have to go to our Island Post Office to pick up mail.

Your consideration and passing of this Bill would be greatly appreciated by myself and many others. Thank you all in advance.

Sincerely,



Beth Pence

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Senators Smith and Waldstreicher,

I am writing you today in support of Golf Cart legislation SB076 for Cobb Island, Maryland 20625.

Cobb Island's geographic location and its roadways make it ideal for this consideration and a safe area to utilize golf carts.

The Island's speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

Cobb Island is located over a small bridge which is the only way on or off the island. The island traffic mainly consists of residents only.

There is very few ditches and no curbs located along the roadway which would pose a risk of roll over of a golf cart.

Cobb Island has been and is currently designated as a Low Speed Vehicle Neighborhood. Unfortunately, the cost of purchasing and registering a LSV has limited the number of residents of Cobb Island who are able to take advantage of their benefits.

Most golf carts are powered by electric and are less harmful to our environment. The residents of Cobb Island do not receive mail delivery. We must walk or drive to the post office on the island to get our mail daily. The use of an electric powered golf cart over a gas powered car would reduce carbon emissions.

As a retired law enforcement officer I concur with the requirements set forth in the legislation requiring a valid driver license to operate a golf cart.

I also believe this legislation should follow the golf cart legislation currently enacted in several jurisdictions of Maryland, which includes the use of golf carts between dusk and dawn with the lighting required by the Administration.

Thank you for considering this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jody Pyburn



**JIM & MARILYN SIMPSON  
14918 POTOMAC RIVER DRIVE  
COBB ISLAND, MD 20625  
240-233-3378**

**January 13, 2022**

**The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chairman  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**The Honorable Jeff Waldstreiche  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Re: In FAVOR of SB076**

**Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreiche and Committee Members:**

**This letter is to add our voices as proud residents of Cobb Island, Maryland, to SUPPORT the legalization of golf carts use on Cobb Island.**

**We understand there are stipulation (i.e. licensed drivers, driving as far to the right as possible, and unlighted cart driven only dawn to dusk). We support these requirements.**

**Sincerely,**

*Jim Simpson*

*Marilyn Simpson*

Chancy L. Wood

Sandra L. Wood

13407 Hill Rd.

Newburg, MD 20664

Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee

Senator William Smith, Jr., Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldsteicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 076

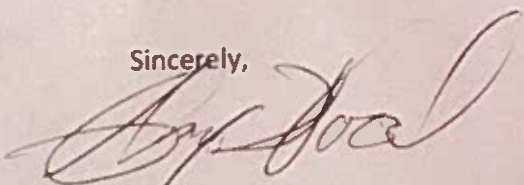
Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldsteicher and Committee Members:

We respectfully request that the Senate Judiciary Committee members vote to enact

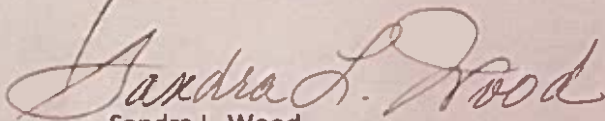
SB 076 as proposed to ensure golf cart safety for the citizens of Cobb Island, MD. Currently

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

Sincerely,



Chancy L. Wood



Sandra L. Wood

**Fw:**

Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com>

Thu 1/13/2022 8:41 PM

To: Ellis, Arthur Senator <Arthur.Ellis@senate.state.md.us>

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**From:** BillyD Squires <billydsquires@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2022 5:27 PM

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

**Subject:**

I support the use of golf carts on Cobb Island.

Thank you,  
Billy

Senator Ellis,  
We are the Markel family and have been residents of Cobb Island since 2011. We are writing to support and encourage the passage of golf cart legalization on Cobb Island. When properly equipped, low speed electric vehicles such as golf carts provide a safe means of public transportation while reducing carbon emissions and traffic congestion on our narrow roadways. We respectfully ask for your support in passing the necessary legislation to approve passage. Thank you for your consideration,

The Markel family

**Marcia Keeth**

12419 Neale Sound Drive  
PO Box 333  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

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January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
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2 East Miller Senate Building  
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RE: In favor of SB076

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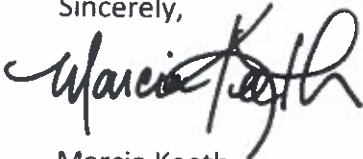
As a resident of Cobb Island, Maryland, I am writing to you to request your support for SB 076 which will legalize the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles in my community, and more importantly, provides for safe operations of these vehicles.

Cobb Island is an ideal setting for using golf carts and low speed vehicles as a low cost, alternative form of transportation around the island. Many are in use now, and it has become a way of life. However, we need to ensure this practice remains safe by having regulations to guide the use of these vehicles. SB076 provides needed guidance for operating golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island, including the requirement that users must be licensed drivers.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marcia Keeth

January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

As a resident of Cobb Island Maryland, I am writing to you to request your support for SB 076 which will legalize the use of golf carts in low speed vehicles in my community, and more importantly provides for safe operations of these vehicles

We are a small community, one where you can run to the post office, market, pick up a pizza and make it home all in 10 minutes. We travel the roads of our little island much like a resident of a larger city or town would run to Walmart. The speed limit on Cobb Island is 25 miles per hour, and our roads are narrow which often make it difficult to navigate when there is more than one vehicle on the road. A standard golf cart can reach a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, and is significantly smaller than an average pick up truck, SUV, or car. Golf carts provide a safer and more practical means of transportation to our residents. This legislation will encourage the safety of our community by ensuring that the operators of the golf carts are licensed, and they will only be driven between dusk and dawn unless proper lighting is installed. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to move in favor of SB 076.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mckinlee Hardesty



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Faye Hilton  
18039 Cypress Dr  
PO Box 93  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldsteicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor or SB 076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstriecher, and  
Committee Members,

As a resident of Cobb Island, Maryland, I am writing to you to request your support for SB 076 which will legalize the use of golf carts in my community, and more importantly, provides for safe operations of these vehicles.

Cobb Island is small community, because of this many residents travel the roads continuously to check their mail at the local post office, patronage the local restaurants, and visit the local park. Given the size of the island and the number of times in a day, residents travel from one place on the island to another, golf carts are more practical than driving a car, in many of these instances. The legalization of golf carts on the island will greatly benefit the community by allowing the residents to utilize a safe, and alternative form of transportation. This legislation will assist in ensuring the safety of all residents as it will require drivers of these vehicles to be licensed, as well as other requirements needed to operate safely.

For this reason, I urge you to act in favor of SB 076.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Faye Hilton



**Rochelle Creighton-Tompa**  
**PO Box 9**  
**14924 Potomac River Drive**  
**Cobb Island MD 20625**  
**240-505-3755**  
[Rochelle@CreightonInsuranceAgency.com](mailto:Rochelle@CreightonInsuranceAgency.com)

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January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

I am in support of SB 076 which legalizes golf carts on Cobb Island. The bill requires a licensed driver, driving to the far right, and dusk to dawn without lights.

I would like to thank Senator and Mrs. Ellis for attending a Cobb Island Citizens Association meeting and listening to the community regarding their support of the golf carts. The meeting was well attended and the community unanimously voted in favor of legalization. This letter is one of many that will be submitted in support of SB076.

Cobb Island is a quaint town with little crime and Hallmark Channel events. When I purchased a home on the island in December 2013, my eight-year-old was presented a gift from Santa and his elves via drop off to our home. We were greeted with love, smiles and warmth from day one.

Golf carts add to the island living style, which I would say is similar to Mayberry in the 1930's. The island is a carefree neighborhood with a relaxed atmosphere. Islanders are easygoing and not rushed. The golf carts are used as a means of transportation to the post office, market, playground, church, Fisherman's Field, Cobb Island Citizens Association meetings, Island Events, and restaurants. They are also used for cruising the island and catching the sunset.

Legalization of golf carts under SB076 requires a licensed driver. This is very important. Currently golf carts are illegal and are therefore being driven by unlicensed drivers. With legalization comes legal requirements including a driver's license. As neighbors, we can address underage and unlicensed drivers. Without legalization, we can't because not only is the driver unlicensed, but the cart is illegal, which makes enforcement impossible and/or uncomfortable.



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Since I moved to the island, I've seen an increase in golf carts each year. I would guess there are close to seventy-five carts on the island. There are several low-speed vehicles, perhaps less than 15. The golfcarts are affordable for the islanders and bring joy to their owners and the community. Once legalized, the golf cart owners will have peace of mind knowing they are not driving them illegally.

I am the president of the Cobb Island Citizens Association. I am in support 100%. The golf carts are not going away. They are increasing. We have many newcomers to the island who aren't aware the golf carts are illegal. They move to the island thinking it's a golf cart community.

Please pass the legislation for the islanders. We are counting on you to make 2022 the year for the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rochelle Creighton-Tompa". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Rochelle Creighton-Tompa, Resident & Cobb Island Citizens Association President

**June E. Flynn**  
**18963 Wicomico River Drive**  
**Cobb Island, MD 20625**  
**202-251-4894**

January 14, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman, Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman, and Committee Members,

I am a resident of Cobb Island, Maryland and am in full support of SB076 relating to the legalization of golf carts on the Island. It requires a valid driver's license, dusk to dawn use and staying as far right as possible.

Golf carts are already in use and enjoyed by many folks on the Island. In addition, they are an economical mode of transportation on the Island. I would like to see legislation so that the community can continue to enjoy them legally. Being a licensed driver behind the wheel is critical in ensuring the safety of drivers as well as pedestrians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

June E. Flynn

January 13, 2022

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Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman

2 East Miller Senate Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: In favor of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members,

I am a resident here at Cobb Island and am in favor of the legalization of golf carts. They are a great means of transportation here on the island and make visiting friends, family, and our local businesses very convenient. They also save us on gas and in my opinion are a great eco friendly alternative to driving our cars everywhere. I believe it's in all of the residents best interest for golf carts to be legalized here. Thankyou.

Kimberly Deavers

## In support of SB076

Jackie Todd <jackieanntodd@gmail.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 7:27 AM

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

I support the legalization of golf carts on Cobb Island Md.

15586 Potomac River drive  
Cobb Island Md 20625  
301 643 4830

Jackie Todd  
Tim Todd

**Re: URGENT: Golf Cart Legislation**

carol davis &lt;dlorac51@yahoo.com&gt;

Thu 1/13/2022 4:35 PM

To: Rochelle Creighton-Tompa &lt;Rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com&gt;

I think on the link, it said testimony has to be received by 3 tomorrow?.....

will make it happen!

I agree with all the reasons why we need golf cart legislation. And then there are the intangibles. As I mentioned on the phone, I retired here three years ago, but I REALLY felt retired when I purchased my golf cart. It changed my entire outlook. It made me feel free and carefree, and made running to Ledo's, or the Market, or the Post Office a fun experience. When my grandsons visit, they love tooling around the island in the cart (only oldest is licensed driver, so I do most of the driving). Heck, my dog thinks the cart belongs to him. But they add a vacation-like attitude and feeling to our precious island, and enable folks to visit so easily on the road. So many people walk, but those who can't walk far enjoy the golf carts tremendously. There is also the ecology standpoint, as (especially the electric carts) the carts are not emitting fumes, burning much (if any) gas, and travel slowly enough to provide a safety factor. They are a definite plus to our lifestyle here.

Catch you tomorrow!

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, 04:07:46 PM EST, Rochelle Creighton-Tompa <rochelle@creightoninsuranceagency.com> wrote:

The CICA board, along with the community, have been working on the legalization of golf carts on the island for 2 1/2 years. We received correspondence from Senator Ellis's office today. We were informed that a hearing is scheduled Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm via zoom. We need your written testimony in favor of legalizing golf carts on the island. The more written testimonies we present, the higher the chance of golf carts legalization. I need your written testimony by 11 am on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (TOMORROW). I know this is a very last-minute request, but I have faith we can pull it off. I am passing on the information that was received just a few hours ago. In addition to your written testimony, we have three islanders who will register as witnesses and present their support on Tuesday during the Zoom virtual hearing. Once our three witnesses are registered, I will be sent the zoom log in and will forward it to you. In summary:

1. Please submit your written testimony to me by 11 tomorrow.
2. Attend the zoom meeting on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 1. (log in info to follow soon).

Rochelle M. Creighton-Tompa, President  
240-505-3755  
301-392-6221

## URGENT: Golf Cart Legislation

Andie Corby <andiecorby2@comcast.net>

Thu 1/13/2022 6 23 PM

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

January 18, 2022

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chairman  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: IN FAVOR of SB076

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Committee Members

I am a current resident of Cobb Island and have owned my home there since 1997. I am very much in favor of legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island. This is a small island with many older people who wish to be able to legally use their golf carts. I fully understand that the driver of the golf carts must have a valid driver's license.

Please vote in favor of SB067 for our community.

Thank You,

Andria Corby  
15025 Potomac River Drive  
Cobb Island, MD 20625

----- Original Message -----

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

To:

Date: 01/13/2022 4:07 PM

Subject: URGENT: Golf Cart Legislation

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## My Support

Candice Barnes <candicebarneswilliams@yahoo.com>

Fri 1/14/2022 11:03 AM

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

I fully support golf cart legislation on Cobb island.

Candice Barnes Williams

Treasurer of the Cobb Island Citizens Association

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