

## Support HB7 Must Appear Violation

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House Judiciary Committee Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT House Bill 7

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, I support HB7. This bill requires a driver who kills someone through reckless or negligent driving to appear in court. There are gaps in current Maryland traffic laws that consider only the degree of negligence and do not consider the consequence to the victim. This law fills one of those gaps and thereby strengthens deterrence while providing an increased measure of justice for the victim's family.

Please support HB7 to improve safety and justice while reducing fatalities on Maryland roads.

Sincerely,

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