

Written testimony in support of House Bill 519 (*An Act concerning Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Authorizations and Requirements*)

I write to support this legislation, for benefits that it provides including:

- To increase safety for bicyclists in Maryland
- To encourage bicycling, a nonpolluting and healthful transportation mode
- As a step toward diversified and resilient transportation which includes many modes
- For equity, opening bicycling as a safe transportation mode for low income persons
- To harmonize Maryland's bicycling on sidewalks rules to match those of most other states
- To relieve automotive congestion by diverting some travelers away from cars to bicycles.

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Attachments:

Resolution by the Annapolis City Council recommending to the Maryland State Legislature the reform that HB0519 comprises. (R-2-21 Resolution to State.pdf)

Recommendation document developed by the Annapolis Transportation Board. (Annapolis Transportation Board Recommendations-STATE.pdf)

Slide presentation on recommendations above (Bicycle.pdf)