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HB 107

HB 107 – Vehicle Laws – Bus Lane Obstruction – Monitoring Systems Expansion and Workgroup (Better Bus Service Act of 2024)

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Dear Chair Korman and House Environ. & Transp. Committee Members:

As we all try to move towards a greener transportation system to ward off escalating Climate Change, let's promote systems that support walking, biking, and taking transit.

Bill HB107 definitely promotes that mission.

With dedicated lanes, buses can move faster than cars through rush-hour congestion. Also, encouraging bicyclists to use dedicated bus lanes (when safe and when bus frequency is moderate) is a "two-fer", aiding both transit riders and bicyclists.

I am in favor of automated enforcement of the bus lanes – prohibiting unallowed stopping and parking in a dedicated bus lane --- similar to bus-lane enforcement provisions recently enacted in Washington, DC.

Please support a Workgroup that can look into details of how this can be done. I hope there will be a Favorable HB 107 committee report and House floor vote.

Thank you.

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