I am a Retired U.S. Air Force Veteran, resident of Maryland since 1993, and proud member of ABATE of Maryland, Inc. I urge the committee to consider a FAVORABLE vote in support of HB0639, Protective Headgear Requirement - Exception (In Remembrance of Gary "Pappy" Boward)

33 out of 50 States - 66% of the United States provide the option for adults to wear helmets while riding a motorcycle and I believe it is time for Maryland to join them. Personally, I often ride my motorcycle to Pennsylvania and Delaware to experience the freedom of choosing to wear a helmet or not, depending on the riding conditions at the time. I see plenty of Maryland plates on motorcycles while riding there.

I support HB0639 and believe you should too.

Thank you for your time and service to our State.

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