

Support for SB681 Transportation and Climate Alignment Act ("TCA") February 27, 2024

Delegate Mark Edelson (HB 836) and Senator Clarence Lam (SB 681)

Maryland transportation plans should align with the state's goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2031 and the total miles cars and trucks travel on our roads. We must lower our vehicle miles traveled to protect our environment, protect our air, reduce chemicals flowing into our waters and on our lands, lessen traffic congestion and ability to travel when we need.

How can we improve our environment?

- Place more funding into public transportation, bicycling infrastructure, and easier ways for people to walk.
- Smart building with home construction placed near bus, biking, and walking access.
- Fewer accidents happen when traveling by public transit so saves in people's insurance costs, lessen load on EMTs, police and Fire Departments, hospital impacts, and save our families heartbreaks.
- Create jobs as found with this study:
https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/PERI_Natl_Study_June2011.pdf \$1 billions invested in public transportation can support and create 50,00 jobs.

Please support SB681

Sincerely, Kathy Bartolomeo, Greenbelt, Md.