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Senate Finance Committee  
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**SB681 – Transportation and Climate Alignment Act**  
**Position: Favorable**

Chair Beidle and Members of the Committee:

Bikemore is Baltimore City's livable streets advocacy organization, representing more than 5,000 Baltimore advocates and thousands more that walk, bike and ride transit every day in Baltimore City.

We are writing in support of SB681 - The Transportation Climate and Alignment Act. The transportation sector is Maryland's largest source of emissions.

The Transportation and Climate Alignment Act aims to offset the negative climate impacts of future road projects, the only way our state has a chance of meeting its aggressive emissions reduction goals.

We cannot widen our way out of congestion, injury, and death on our roadways. We must invest in maintaining our existing infrastructure in a state of good repair and direct new investments into sustainable alternatives like public transit and active transportation paired with smarter land use.

The Transportation and Climate Alignment Act will help Maryland prioritize projects that achieve emissions reduction goals, implement roadway state of good repair and safety improvements, and expand access to opportunity for everyone, especially our most disadvantaged populations.

We urge a favorable report and passage of SB681.

**Sincerely,**

**Jed Weeks**  
**Executive Director**