

SB 681: Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2024
Senate Finance Committee
Brendan Wray—FAVORABLE

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Chair Beidle and Committee Members,

Transportation is Maryland's largest source of climate pollution. SB681, the Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2024, would mitigate the negative climate impact of future transportation projects and increases in vehicle miles traveled due to projects, in accordance with the state's goal of reducing emissions by 2031 and with Maryland Climate Pollution Reduction Plan findings.

I am deeply concerned with lowering my impact on climate change and appreciate the state's efforts to make it easier for everyone to do so by traveling more sustainably. I personally bike for more than 90% of my trips less than 5 miles each way and my wife bike commutes to work each day. We use the excellent public transportation system provided in the DC area frequently as well. Mitigation options put forward by the Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2024 include improving and expanding public transportation, creating bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and other smart growth strategies. I wholeheartedly endorse this bill.

I urge a Favorable SB681 committee report and Senate enactment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

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