



SB 0442: Street Racing and Exhibition Driving - Prohibited Acts, Enforcement,  
and Penalties  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Terps For Bike Lanes – FAVORABLE

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Chair Smith and Committee Members,

I am writing this testimony on behalf of Terps For Bike Lanes in support of SB0442. Terps for Bike Lanes is an organization dedicated to enhancing bicycle infrastructure in and around UMD, with a focus on creating a safe and inclusive environment. Terps For Bike Lanes is dedicated to promoting sustainable and alternative transportation methods, including biking.

Our advocacy efforts extend beyond bicycle infrastructure; we are committed to supporting initiatives that improve road safety for all users. SB0442, by altering penalties and points assessments for motor vehicle violations related to racing or speeding, sends a clear message that reckless driving behaviors will not be tolerated and that appropriate consequences will be enforced.

Research studies, such as the systematic review conducted by Alonso et al. (2020) published in *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, have shown the detrimental effects of street racing on road safety. The study highlights the significant risks and consequences associated with street racing, including increased rates of accidents, injuries, and fatalities. This research underscores the urgent need for measures to deter reckless driving behaviors and protect road users from the risks associated with such practices.

Terps for Bike Lanes fully supports SB0442 and commends the efforts to improve road safety and deter reckless driving behaviors. We believe that this legislation will contribute to creating safer roadways for all users and promote a culture of responsible driving. We urge a Favorable committee report on this legislation and encourage the Senate to pass it on the floor. Thank you for

the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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