



SB 0044: Safe Communities Act of 2024
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Terps For Bike Lanes – FAVORABLE

February 12th, 2024

Chair Smith and Committee Members,

I am writing this testimony on behalf of Terps For Bike Lanes in support of SB0044. 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. As an organization deeply committed to social justice and equity, we believe that this legislation is a crucial step towards ensuring accountability and upholding the rights of victims and their families.

Our advocacy efforts extend beyond bicycle infrastructure; we are dedicated to promoting social justice and creating a more equitable society for all individuals. By supporting measures that address systemic inequalities within our criminal justice system, we strive to contribute to a safer and more just community for everyone.

Terps for Bike Lanes firmly believes that individuals convicted of serious crimes, such as murder and violent offenses, must be held accountable for their actions and serve appropriate sentences that reflect the severity of their offenses. SB44, by prohibiting the earning of diminution credits for such individuals, sends a clear message that acts of violence will not be tolerated in our society and that perpetrators must face the full consequences of their actions.

As an organization that values social justice and equity, we stand in full support of SB44 and its provisions to uphold the rights of victims, promote accountability, and ensure public safety. We urge you to consider the importance of this legislation and its impact on our community as you deliberate on this matter. 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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