



Support HB178 Safety For Cyclists & Drivers

Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
P.O. Box 208, Arnold, MD 21012 www.bikeaaa.org 443-685-4103

House Environment & Transportation Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

January 28, 2025

RE: SUPPORT HB178 No Stopping, Standing, Parking in Bike Lanes

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of District 30, president of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County ("BikeAAA"), Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission, Member of the 2017 Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force and avid Maryland cyclist for over 20 years. On behalf of BikeAAA and it's more than 1,000 members, we support HB178.

A motor vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in a bike lane or bicycle path presents an unexpected obstruction for bicyclists using the lane or path. This obstruction may dangerously force the bicyclist into the adjacent traffic lane, where their presence is unexpected and a potential impediment to the smooth flow of motor vehicle traffic and a significant hazard, especially for the person on the bike. Maryland already has such prohibition for places like crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways and intersections. Both D.C. and Virginia already have similar statutes to this bill and Baltimore City Code already prohibits parking or standing in a marked bike lane. This bill would extend this protection to other jurisdictions with bike lanes or bicycle paths.

Please support HB178 to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion, especially for people who travel by bike.

Sincerely,

Jon Korin
President, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County