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HB 178 – Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path – Prohibition - Favorable

Dear Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I respectfully ask your consideration of HB 178 to protect bicyclists by prohibiting stopping, standing, or parking in a bike lane or bicycle path.

This legislation supports Maryland's Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals by changing driver behavior to help ensure that everyone who commutes gets home safely. It will also encourage no-emission commuting and citizen health.

This legislation will put the state of Maryland in line with Baltimore City, Washington, DC and Virginia. There are already provisions in Maryland that will exempt for emergency vehicles and first responders. I have also worked with interested advocates such as the Federation of the Blind and MDOT to address their concerns through amendment.

Because this legislation is crucial for the safety of all Marylanders who use our roads and consistent with our stated priorities for Vision Zero and clean energy, I request a favorable report on HB 178.

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