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Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

On behalf of the Maryland Transit Caucus, we are writing to express our endorsement of HB422 / SB530: Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Crosswalks. As advocates for transportation-related legislation before the General Assembly, we believe this bill is essential to our mission of ensuring a more sustainable, efficient, and accessible transit system for all residents. We are confident that its passage will have a positive impact on our communities, economy, and environment.

This bill advances the state's goal of Vision Zero by helping to prevent bicyclist injuries and fatalities on our roadways. Allowing bicyclists to advance through an intersection with the pedestrian walk signal gives them a brief head start, giving them the opportunity to cross safely with a lower risk of experiencing a crash. This is a safe way to reduce stressful interactions at intersections.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this bill. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to working with you as we build a better Maryland transportation system for all.

Thank you,

Senator Cory McCray, Co-Chair

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