



Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

January 20, 2025

RE: SUPPORT SB118 Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee,

The Baltimore Bicycling Club (BBC) asks for your support of SB118: Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

The Baltimore Bicycling Club (BBC) was established in 1968 and has a membership of over 1000 riders. The mission of our not-for-profit recreational organization is to promote and sponsor bicycling activities in Baltimore City and neighboring Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties. The BBC also promotes, defends, and protects the rights of bicyclists for a safe road riding environment in our communities through advocacy and education.

In 2024, according to the Zero Deaths Maryland Fatal Crash Dashboard, there were 552 fatalities. Of those fatalities, 140 were pedestrians, 90 motorcyclists and 10 bicyclists. According to the Maryland Statewide Fatal Crash Data Dashboard, 90 were speed related and 41 were aggressive driving related. The U.S Department of Transportation has stated that speed is a major factor in the safety of vulnerable road users.

The reduction of speeds by drivers can reduce the likelihood of crashes, resulting fatalities and severity of injuries, especially for vulnerable road users such as but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, the elderly, schoolchildren and those individuals with disabilities. This bill also aligns with Maryland's commitment to Vision Zero.

On behalf of the members of the Baltimore Bicycling Club, I encourage your support of SB118.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Samaroo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nigel Samaroo, MPH
Chair, Advocacy Committee
Baltimore Bicycling Club