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SB 392: Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Authorizations and Requirements

To Chair Smith and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I support SB 392, which changes the default authorization to allow bicyclists to ride on sidewalks unless prohibited by local jurisdictions.

Current bicycling infrastructure in the State of Maryland is lacking needed connectivity to most major shopping and community centers, usually located along high-speed and high-traffic corridors. Allowing bicycles to ride on sidewalks will provide immediate refuges for the most vulnerable road users and bring consistency across all counties.

I urge you to pass this bill out of committee so that it can be brought to the Senate floor for a vote. This bill has the potential to improve the lives of countless Marylanders who rely on bicycles as a mode of transportation.

Sincerely,

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