



# ***Support SB118 Speed Reduction Saves Lives***

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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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RE: SUPPORT SB118 Graduated Speed Penalties

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 SB118. This bill will deter people from speeding thereby reducing both the likelihood and severity of crashes. This is especially important for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, the elderly, people with disabilities and schoolchildren who may cross or travel along our roads to access schools, parks, shopping areas and other destinations. This bill also aligns with Maryland’s commitment to Vision Zero.

2024 was another bad year for Maryland crashes and fatalities, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. Maryland had over 550 road fatalities in 2024.

Speed reduction reduces both the likelihood of a crash and the severity of injury if a crash occurs. Please support SB118 to improve safety, especially for our most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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President, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis & Anne Arundel County