

**Please Support House Bill 1381  
Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking  
in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path - Prohibition**

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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Honorable Delegate Michele Guyton, Vice Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
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Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

I would like to express my support of House Bill 1381, which would prohibit, with limited exceptions, vehicles from stopping, standing, or parking in bike lanes in Maryland.

By distinguishing bike lanes and bicycle paths as areas where motor vehicles may not stop, stand, or park except under narrow conditions, House Bill 1381 will protect vulnerable road users and improve road safety for bicyclists across Maryland.

Dedicated bike lanes serve a critical safety function - they allow bicyclists to travel in a space separated from general traffic. Maryland and its jurisdictions have invested significantly in its bikeways, but those investments only work if the bike lanes are clear and usable.

Obstructions in these areas force bicyclists into the adjacent travel lanes, increasing the risk of collisions with moving vehicles and undermining the purpose of the bike lanes. A statewide law would be aligned with Maryland's Vision Zero and safety goals.

Since my son Brett died 6 years ago while crossing the street, I have been advocating for safer roads. That advocacy extends to my own driving habits. I follow the speed limits and am always vigilant in looking out for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorists. Even so, danger can arise unexpectedly. Several months ago while making a left turn I almost missed seeing a bicyclist going straight through the intersection.

This experience solidified my position that we must do everything we can to protect our bicyclists. Allowing vehicles to block bike lanes and forcing the bicyclists into traffic cannot be an option.

I urge a favorable report on House Bill 1381. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mindy Badin