

HB0004 Testimony
Environment and Transportation Committee
Friday 27 February 2026

Thank you to the Environment and Transportation Committee members for allowing me to testify today in support of House Bill 4. My name is Ryan McGowan and I reside in District 18 in Montgomery County. I have owned several historic vehicles over the years in Maryland and enjoy restoring older 4 wheel drive classic trucks and SUVs and am a member of several clubs which travel within and outside of the state to enjoy off-road trail riding.

Changes made to the definition of a historic vehicle during the 2025 legislative session permanently fixed historic vehicles to be only those manufactured in 1999 or older. This now current law is overly restrictive and overly burdensome and is not in-line with historic and classic vehicle definitions in other states. House Bill 4 would change the definition of historic vehicles to be on a 25 year rolling basis and will ensure that future classic and historic vehicles will continue to be enjoyed by enthusiasts and collectors. The 25 year basis is also in line with laws from neighboring states and is a sensible and balanced cutoff.

Importantly, House Bill 4 also remedies the impact to owners of vehicles manufactured between 2000 and 2005 that have now been forced to register under standard terms due to changes made in the 2025 legislative session. This is a necessary provision and will provide them with appropriate relief from increased fees and burdens of re-inspection and emissions.

Thank you again to the committee for holding this hearing and for your support of House Bill 4.

Ryan McGowan
4409 Clearbrook Lane
Kensington MD 20895