

Written Testimony in Support of SB0068, The D TORCH Road Safety Act

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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

My name is DJ Prez Black, and I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill SB0068, the D TORCH Road Safety Act, as President of Shepherds MC and as an active participant in Maryland's motorcycle community.

I personally knew Donnell G. Floyd Jr., known to many of us as TORCH. His loss was deeply felt by riders across our community. I have also known other riders who lost their lives in motorcycle crashes, and each loss reminds us how important awareness and shared responsibility are on our roads.

Motorcyclists ride knowing the risks, but we also depend on drivers to understand how to safely share the road with us. Too often, drivers are not exposed to enough information about motorcycle visibility, space, and reaction time differences.

SB0068 makes motorcycle safety awareness part of Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration knowledge exam, ensuring drivers learn these principles before receiving a license.

From the perspective of those of us who ride regularly, increased driver awareness can make a real difference in preventing crashes and protecting lives.

I respectfully ask the committee to support Senate Bill SB0068.

Respectfully submitted,

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