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To: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chairman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Ken Eaton, Executive Director, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

Date: March 27, 2026

Re: **SB68** - Driver's Licenses - Driver Skills Examination - Motorcycle Safety Awareness

Position: **FAVORABLE: SUPPORT**

As Executive Director of ABATE of Maryland, Inc., I proudly represent more than 100,000 registered on-road motorcyclists statewide. Since 1974 our organization has been unwavering in its mission: “Dedicated to Freedom of the Road & Responsible Motorcycle Legislation.”

For more than fifty years our members have not only defended rider rights but promoted personal responsibility. We believe training and education are the most effective tools to reduce crashes and injuries — and those efforts must be backed by sensible public policy.

ABATE played a key role in launching Maryland’s motorcycle safety program decades ago. We remain active advocates for riders, continually promoting safety and awareness through training and education. Preventing accidents is central to achieving our mission.

SB 68 strengthens Maryland’s safety framework and offers practical support for our shared goal of safer roads. We commend Senator Charles for his leadership in introducing this important bill, and ABATE of Maryland stands fully behind it.

We respectfully urge the committee to acknowledge the safety advantages of **SB 68** and issue a **FAVORABLE** report.

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