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Favorable - HB 1381

Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path - Prohibition

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I respectfully ask for your consideration of HB 1381 to protect bicyclists and motorists by prohibiting stopping, standing, or parking in a bike lane or bicycle path. Every day, Marylanders rely on bike lanes to travel safely to work, school, and essential services, and too often those lanes are obstructed in ways that put lives at risk. This legislation supports Maryland's Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals by changing driver behavior to help ensure that everyone who commutes gets home safely. It also encourages no-emission commuting and promotes public health.

There are already provisions in Maryland that exempt emergency vehicles and first responders. This legislation gives local control for setting timelines for delivery vehicles up to 30 minutes. By establishing a clear, consistent statewide standard, this legislation puts the State of Maryland in I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1381.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton
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