



HB938 – Automated Crosswalk Enforcement

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Position: Favorable

Greetings Chair and Members of the Committee

Our mission is to promote bicycling, increase safety, improve conditions, and provide a voice for bicyclists in Maryland. We partner with advocacy organizations to promote vulnerable road user safety legislation on the state and county level and work with government agencies, including police departments, to develop policy and awareness campaigns that protect the rights and well-being of bicyclists and pedestrians in Maryland. We the undersigned represent multiple community-based organizations advocating for safe biking, walking and active transportation, submit this testimony on behalf of tens of thousands of members across the State of Maryland.

As bicycling has increased in popularity across the United States and provides many environmental, economic, and health benefits, there is a need for creating a safe transportation system which makes people the priority; using all available tools to help achieve zero injuries and fatalities on our roadways and allowing all people to get to their destinations safely. HB938 will help with this effort by improving safety in one of the most dangerous places for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users: crosswalks.

Crosswalk enforcement by police officers is impractical and inefficient. This bill will deter people from failing to yield to people in crosswalks thereby reducing both the likelihood and severity of crashes. This is especially important for vulnerable road users (VRUs) such as pedestrians, cyclists, the elderly, people with disabilities, and schoolchildren who may cross roads to access schools, parks, shopping areas and other destinations. This bill also aligns with Maryland's commitment to Vision Zero. In 2025, more than 470 people were killed on Maryland roads and about one third were VRUs.

We request that the committee support the passage of HB938.

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