SB38 – Ignition Interlock

Senate Judiciary 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. SB38 will help with this effort by reducing impaired driving, especially by repeat offenders.

This bill will deter people from impaired driving, thereby reducing both the likelihood and severity of crashes. This is especially important for vulnerable road users (VRUs) such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, the elderly, people with disabilities, emergency responders and schoolchildren who may cross or travel along our 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. The Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC) supports this bill.

Reducing impaired driving reduces both the likelihood of a crash and the severity of injury if a crash occurs, especially for Vulnerable Road Users. We request that the committee support the passage of SB38.

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