



HB 198 – Vehicle Laws – Towing – Clearing and Disposal of Debris

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Position: Support

My name is Joshua Feldmark and I write this as a representative of Bike Maryland. We represent cyclists of all abilities across the state, cyclists who ride 5 miles around the park with their families, for transportation, to a 100 mile ride. Bike Maryland has over 18,000 members from across the state. Additionally, we consistently organize or advocate on behalf of pedestrians and many other non-vehicle transportation users.

This legislation is short and straight forward so I will make this testimony the same. Whether we are talking about recreational cyclists or transportation cyclists, debris left in the roadway is a serious danger to us. Under the current law debris is often simply moved to the shoulder or the sidewalk where it is potentially even more dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Therefore, we are equally supportive of the sponsor amendment that is aimed at making sure the debris isn't literally just swept aside

We urge a favorable report