

SB0210 – Tax Credits - Employer-Provided Commuter Benefits - Expansion and Administration House Ways & Means Committee

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Greetings Chair and Members of the Committee

I am resident of District 3A in Frederick County and a year-round bike commuter and scientist at a large biotechnology firm. I am a Community Outreach Bike Coordinator, Certified League Cycling Instructor, member of Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and a former Member of the 2017 Governor's Maryland Bicycle Safety Task Force.

In collaboration with local organizations, I promote bicycling in the region and encourage Frederick County residents to shift to active and commuter transportation to support our Livable Frederick goals in becoming a more sustainable community, attenuating the impact of motorized vehicles on our roadways, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuel.

By expanding commuter tax benefits for walking, biking, teleworking, carpooling and multi-modal transportation, it will incentivize Marylander to take advantage of more efficient forms of transportation, improve our health, and protect our rural areas and green spaces. In addition, the tax credit will help attract top talent who looking for a place to settle down and lead an active lifestyle with high quality of life.

These benefits not only align with Frederick County's transportation goals but they also align with Maryland DOT's long range Maryland Transportation Plan.

Please support bill SB0210 so Marylanders can affordably live, play and work in the state while keeping healthy and safeguarding our environment.

Sincerely,

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