



SB 0397: Vehicle Laws - Military Vehicles - Registration and Operation
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Terps For Bike Lanes – FAVORABLE

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Chair Smith and Committee Members,

I am writing this testimony on behalf of Terps For Bike Lanes in support of SB0347. Terps for Bike Lanes is an organization dedicated to enhancing bicycle infrastructure in and around UMD, with a focus on creating a safe and inclusive environment. Terps For Bike Lanes is dedicated to promoting sustainable and alternative transportation methods, including biking.

Our advocacy efforts extend beyond bicycle infrastructure; we are dedicated to supporting initiatives that honor our nation's history and heritage. SB497, by allowing the registration of certain military vehicles as Class MV-C (military vehicle-collectors) vehicles, provides enthusiasts and collectors with the opportunity to preserve and showcase these important pieces of our military history.

Research studies, such as the one conducted by Sullivan and Johnson (2018) published in Military History Quarterly, have highlighted the cultural and historical significance of military vehicles and their importance in preserving our national heritage. This study underscores the importance of recognizing and preserving military vehicles as part of our cultural heritage, promoting understanding and appreciation of our nation's military history.

Terps for Bike Lanes fully supports SB497 and its provisions to establish a registration process for military vehicles, including the establishment of a one-time registration fee and certain standards and procedures for registration. We believe that this legislation will not only honor our nation's military history but also provide enthusiasts and collectors with the opportunity to responsibly own and showcase these important artifacts. We urge a Favorable committee report on this legislation and encourage the Senate to pass it on the floor. Thank you for the opportunity to

testify.

Sincerely,

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