



**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
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TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

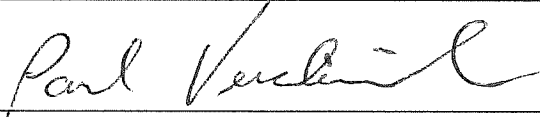
I, Paul Verchinski, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard County Citizens Association to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB52-53-56-57 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Paul Verchinski

Signature: 

Date: 09/15/2022

Organization: HCCA

Organization Address: Box 89, Ellicott City, MD 21041

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Number of Members: 500

Name of Chair/President: Stu Kohn

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Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: September 19, 2022

Subject: CB57-2022

Testimony in SUPPORT with Amendments

By Paul Verchinski, HCCA Board Member

To: Howard County Council

CB57-2022 requires that the Department of Police notify the Director of Public Works within two weeks of **every** traffic fatality in Howard County and perform an investigation on road geometrics that may contribute to the fatality. Currently, Howard County has 12 to 20 fatalities annually.

As a Transportation Planner, I personally think that this is a good idea. However, police investigations usually will take more than two weeks to complete and may ultimately result in police citations for car operator error, drunken driving, etc.

This legislation appears to be trying to identify where fatalities occur and if road geometrics have contributed to fatalities. An Annual Report would provide a better sense of roads and intersections needing modification if fatalities are identified occurring at or near the same locations over a year or series of years.

We therefore suggest that the following Amendments be considered in Title 17, Subtitle 2, Section 17.200A, Subsection (d)(5)(1) by striking the language in its entirety and replacing with the following:

- (1) WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, . SHALL NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF ALL TRAFFIC FATALITIES OCCURRING DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR CATEGORIZED BY TYPE OF POLICE CITATION AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT

And further Amend Title 21, Subtitle 3, Section 2.316 (E) (1) by striking the language in its entirety and replacing with the following:

- (1) COMPLETE AN ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ANNUAL TRAFFIC FATALITY REPORT

We think that this approach will better identify intersections and roads needing improvements rather than one off traffic fatalities due to other causes.

Paul Verchinski



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I, Jack Guarneri, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Bike HoCo Inc. 501(c)3 to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB57-2022 to express the organization's
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Printed Name: Jack Guarneri

Signature: Jack Guarneri Digitally signed by Jack Guarneri
Date: 2022.09.11 19:58:34 -04'00'

Date: 9/12/22

Organization: Bike HoCo Inc. 501(c)3

Organization Address: C/o Larence Schoen Treasurer, 10478 Waterfowl Terrace, Columbia, MD 21044

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Number of Members: 900

Name of Chair/President: Jack Guarneri

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I, Jennifer White, have been duly authorized by
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Horizon Foundation to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

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Printed Name: Jennifer White

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 9/19/22

Organization: Horizon Foundation

Organization Address: 10221 Wincopin Cir. #200

Columbia, MD 21044

Number of Members: 9 Staff; 18 Board Members

Name of Chair/President: Nikki Highsmith-Vernick

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