September 29, 2025

Hon. Kate Stewart President, Montgomery County Council Montgomery County, MD

Re: SUPPORT #28-25, Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Parking in Bikeways - Prohibited

President Stewart and Council Members:

The Coalition for Smarter Growth supports *Council bill #28-25, Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Parking in Bikeways – Prohibited*, and respectfully asks for Council's vote of approval.

This common sense fix to County code is overdue. We applaud Councilmember Glass and the bill co-sponsors for introducing this needed legislation. Montgomery County is making progress towards more comfortable, convenient, and safer biking, with its network of bike lanes and trails. The County's investments and enforcement deserve a clear law that bike lanes are not for parking or stopping cars and trucks.

The bill supports the *Thrive Montgomery 2050* recommendation to "Develop a safe, comfortable and appealing network for walking, biking, and rolling."

Thank you for your work,

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