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Montgomery County Council  
Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Stewart and members of the County Council:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for [Greater Greater Washington](#), a nonprofit that works to advance better land use, transportation, and housing policies throughout Greater Washington. GGWash supports Bill 28-25, which would prohibit drivers from stopping, standing, or parking in bike lanes.

There are a lot of demands on the curbside in Montgomery County, especially in our downtowns like Silver Spring and Bethesda: whereas once the focus was solely on parking cars, our curbsides now have to handle a growing number of deliveries and dropoffs. Bicyclists and scooter riders are also part of the mix, as on some streets that's the safest place for a bike lane to go.

We need to do more to manage all of the things competing for limited curb space. That's a primary reason why drivers park in bike lanes, even though every time someone does that, they're putting others in danger. If there's a car in the bike lane, someone riding a bike or scooter has to swerve into the general traffic lane or up on the sidewalk, increasing the chance of a crash.

Bill 28-25 would add bikeways to the other places where drivers aren't supposed to stop or leave their car, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and intersections. This is already the law in the city of Rockville, Howard County, Baltimore, Washington, DC, and Virginia. Prince George's County will soon take up a similar bill.

Finally, I've attached a photo of the recently-completed bike lane outside the Solaire Social food hall on Dixon Avenue in Silver Spring. Drivers are constantly parking in it, rendering the bike lanes useless at best and dangerous at worst. It also makes downtown Silver Spring look like a place where the rules don't apply, which isn't the

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message that Montgomery County wants to send to the people who live and work here—and those who would like to live or work here.

We urge you to pass this bill as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Dan Reed  
Maryland Policy Director



*Cars parked in the bike lanes on both sides of Dixon Avenue in downtown Silver Spring. It's unclear why there's also a tow truck parked in the bike lane.*