

Bill 28-25, Motor Vehicles and Traffic - Parking in Bikeways - Prohibited

My name is Jacob Barker, and I'm writing to support this bill. It is nearly every day that I run into a vehicle impeding a bike lane and forcing me to try to merge with the heavy machinery we call cars in the general traffic lane. Today was even worse as multiple utility trucks were blocking a bike lane instead of closing a road to general traffic. This while I was leading a bike bus along the Spring Street bike lanes instead Downtown Silver Spring. Our bike bus with elementary school aged children was forced to merge with general traffic, and motorists were angry with us because we of the time it took to safely merge a group of 20 bike riders. This shouldn't have happened. Our police officers and parking enforcement officers should be empowered to both ticket and tow vehicles that obstruct these lanes because they present very real dangers to so many vulnerable road users, including children.