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Position: Unfavorable

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Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation:

Community Law In Action (CLIA) requests that the Committee issue an unfavorable report on HB928. My name is Rashad Staton and I am the Executive Director of CLIA which develops young leaders, ages 14-24, and facilitates effective partnerships to amplify youth priorities, impact policy, and foster positive community change. Our organization works with leaders and stakeholders, such as students, agencies, and community-based partners, i.e., B360, in civic engagement efforts that cultivates equitable spaces and practices, ultimately fostering civic duties and engagement to create equitable solutions that works for all.

Last year along with B360, we testified against HB077 which was successfully ended and appreciated the committee listening to our testimony. It was recommended that a working group be formed to holistically look at OHV issues for the State which we were eager to join. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, it has come to our attention that such work committee was not convened, which may be the reasoning for such bill proposed including language which is not conducive to all parties in creating an inclusive and solution-oriented bill that is reflective of creating equitable solutions.



In referencing solution and considerable language, CLIA is in favor of rider safety, and designated safe spaces for motorcross activation, and educational and career centered programming.

In closing, CLIA oppose this bill because of the lack of clarity and the evident inequities that will have unintended consequences of residents across the state of Maryland, and the implication of barriers that will be imposed of youth and young adults across black and brown communities.

For these reasons, Rashad Staton urges an unfavorable report on **HB928**.

Sincerely,

Rashad Staton, Executive Director

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