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A coalition of like minded citizens and organizations that promote bicycling as a healthy alternative to driving and advocate safe provisions within our transportation system.

Tom Hicks, P.E. Director
Office of Traffic and Safety
7491 Connelley Drive
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Dear Mr. Hicks,

On behalf of Bike Delaware, our constituent organizations, and bicyclists all over Delaware, thank you for revising Maryland State Highway Administration's rumblestrip placement guidelines. It is a huge relief to know that the design applied along Route 273 in Cecil County, which prompted our concern as well as those of local racing teams and recreational clubs, will not be repeated on MD roads and highways where bicycling is permitted.

We commend SHA for recognizing this design as problematic in that it created conflicts between drivers and cyclists. Switching to the guidelines accepted as bicycle-friendly according to the AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Bicycle Facilities will encourage bicyclists to ride in the correct position on the shoulder and facilitate cooperation between all user groups. Further, it will allow bicyclists to ride behind the rumble strips instead of at the white line, as well as move safely into the lane when cars are turning in front of them or to avoid debris.

This will make cyclists safer and lower the stress level of all road users.

Sincerely yours,

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