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Dear Dr. Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Schools:

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On behalf of the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (MBPAC), I am writing to express our strong support for the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) revised *Physical Education Standards* and Framework. We commend the Department and the dedicated educators and stakeholders who contributed to this comprehensive and forward-thinking update.

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We are especially pleased that the revised standards explicitly providing local education agencies with the flexibility to integrate active transportation education—such as walking and biking for transportation into physical education instruction at all grade levels. This approach aligns with Maryland's ongoing commitment to improving health, safety, and environmental stewardship through multimodal transportation options. It also reflects growing national recognition of the value of equipping students with lifelong skills that promote physical activity and independent mobility.

By encouraging the incorporation of walking and bicycling education into physical education programs, MSDE supports cross-sector goals that benefit student wellness, community connectivity, and local sustainability efforts. These revisions represent a significant step toward creating healthier, more engaged, and better-prepared youth across the state. MBPAC fully supports the implementation of the revised standards and framework, and we look forward to working collaboratively with MSDE, local education agencies, and community partners to ensure that Maryland students are given every opportunity to thrive—physically, academically, and civically.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to student well-being.

Sincerely,

Jon Morrison

Chair, Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee