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The Honorable John Carney,
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 2023

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Mr. Benjamin Shrader, Chairperson 
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: SB 50 (Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed SB 50 which codifies this council which has existed by Executive Order in one form or another since 2006.

SCPD has the following observations:

- Delaware has a disturbing number of pedestrian fatalities.¹
- Moreover, there is inconsistent compliance with ADA requirements and no clarity about who is responsible for installing curb cuts and other accessible features in unincorporated areas.

¹ <https://why.org/articles/delawares-traffic-fatalities/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CDelaware%20is%20facing%20challenges%2C%E2%80%9D,pedestrian%20death%20toll%20has%20risen.>

SCPD strongly endorses this legislation with a query of why there is not a representative of the Architectural and Accessibility Board (AAB) on this Committee.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed legislation.

cc: Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq.
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