

**Jackie Henderson**

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**From:** suegunter96@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:51 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #65916: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council

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**Request Details:**

- Name: Sue D Gunter
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-549-2034
- Email: [suegunter96@gmail.com](mailto:suegunter96@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,  
I askin that you support Virginia SB 882, the dooring bill. Passage of the bill is important to the safety of the increasing number of residents and visitors who bicycle for transportation, recreation and good health. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Sue Gunter
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, February 19

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**From:** jimandcarey48@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:05 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #65909: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Membe

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### Request Details:

- Name: Jim Durham
  - Approximate Address: No Address Specified
  - Phone Number: 703-508-0762
  - Email: [jimandcarey48@comcast.net](mailto:jimandcarey48@comcast.net)
  - Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
  - Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members,  
Please vote to SUPPORT Senator Chap Petersen's "Dooring" Bill SB 882. As amended, the Bill would create a simple \$50 traffic infraction for an operator of a motor vehicle to open a vehicle door "adjacent to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so." Forty or more states have a law that prohibits this behavior; Virginia does not.  
The bill has passed the Senate 27-12, with strong support in Northern Virginia and opposition from those in other parts of the state who frequently vote against measures to improve traffic safety.  
This law is a good one for all road users. Data collected by Virginia's DMV indicates that 65 individuals were injured (13 were bicyclists) in 209 crashes from 2010-2014 that involved persons in vehicles who opened or kept the vehicle door open and the passing vehicle struck the car door. The presence of this law and the associated education campaign would help reduce if not eliminate this source of injuries.  
This bill is supported by AAA, and State Police are ok with it.  
Please support SB 882 and help improve traffic safety in Alexandria.  
Sincerely,  
Jim Durham
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, February 18

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**From:** greg@waba.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:49 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #65907: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Honorary Mayor, Vice Mayor and members o

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Greg Billing
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-518-0524
- Email: [greg@waba.org](mailto:greg@waba.org)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Honorary Mayor, Vice Mayor and members of City Council,

I am writing to you this evening on behalf of our 3,300 members and supporters in the City of Alexandria regarding SB 882 being considered in the Virginia General Assembly.

Virginia remains one of a handful of states that does not prohibit motor vehicle occupants from opening a vehicle door "adjacent to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so." The District of Columbia and Maryland both already have dooring statutes. SB 882 patroned by Senator Chap Petersen would create a simple \$100 traffic infraction, not subject to driver demerit points and not applicable to emergency responders, for doing so. The bill has been amended to reduce the fine to \$50, and change the work "occupant" to "operator", and has passed the Senate 27-12, with strong support in Northern Virginia and opposition from those in the state who vote frequently against measures to improve traffic safety.

This law is a good one for all road users. Data collected by Virginia's DMV indicates that 65 individuals were injured (13 were bicyclists) in 209 crashes from 2010-2014 that involved persons in vehicles who opened or kept the vehicle door open and the passing vehicle struck the car door. The presence of this law and the associated education campaign would help reduce if not eliminate this source of injuries.

Virginia is one of only a few remaining states without laws preventing drivers from injuring people or causing damage to property with their car door.

Please support SB 882.

Thank you,  
Greg Billing  
Advocacy Coordinator  
Washington Area Bicyclist Association

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, February 18

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #65902: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor Euille & Members of Council,I

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Kevin Posey
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- Phone Number: 7036285823
- Email: [koosey12@comcast.net](mailto:koosey12@comcast.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor Euille & Members of Council,

I was more than a little surprised to discover that city staff intends to recommend tonight that the city oppose SB882-Opening and Closing of Motor Vehicle Doors. This measure requires that motorists wait until traffic is clear before opening their doors.

This common sense bill protects other motorists and people who bike from potential harm due to the carelessness of others. Indeed, the safety risk to this latter, vulnerable group is quite severe. Understandably, the local cycling community is united with statewide advocates in supporting this measure.

I implore you to reject staff's counsel in this matter. Further, I hope that you will investigate how such a position so contrary to Alexandria's Complete Streets policy could have been arrived at in the first place.

Thank you.

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