

## **PG 310-20: Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive, Delegate Charles**



My name is Mayor Bennard Joseph Cann and I represent the Town of Morningside Maryland. Thank you for drafting and hearing testimony on bill PG 310-20 requesting legislation for a speed monitoring system in my Town.

For the record I am formally for the speed monitoring system on Suitland Road to assist in the safety of our pedestrians, motorist, residents and businesses.

There was a time that a speed monitoring system was on Suitland Road. At that time cars drove the speed limit and safety was not a concern with speed being a component. Since the monitoring system has been removed the speed tickets that Morningside Police have given on the road have increased more than 50%. That is time that has taken away from community policing, business interactions, and maintain a safe and healthy community for our residents.

To most I am Mayor Cann, to one I am dad, to hundreds I am Mr. Cann (middle school History Teacher) but to all I am person who deserve a safe community. To walk down and cross a street without any fear of a speeding car hitting me. Without a speed monitoring system pedestrian, community members waiting for school and public transportation, church pedestrian traffic as well as visitors are not guaranteed a safety in my Town. As leaders in our County and State we are dedicated to our community, our profession and each other. We owe it to the ones that elected us to provide the best and safest community possible.

For this reason, I strongly support an affirmative decision for the speed monitoring system for the Town of Morningside. I also respectfully ask that you vote in favor for the speed monitoring system. Please don't wait for a tragedy before we reinstate what is proven to be strong safety measure.

Thank you for your time and attention, I look forward to hearing your decision on bill PG 310-20.