



March 2, 2020

Judicial Proceedings Committee

Attn: Chairman Senator William Smith
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I am writing in support of **Senate Bill 878, Worcester County – Special Event Zones - Penalties**. As the Communications Manager for the Town of Ocean City, I oversee our website and social media sites. I am horrified each year by the hundreds, if not thousands, of correspondence we receive from residents and visitors regarding the dangerous and unruly behavior they witness during various motor events.

While I could be here for days discussing the dozens of reasons why I support this bill from a professional standpoint, I am actually going to focus on my personal job. I am a Mother.

As a resident of Worcester County and a mother, our family is held hostage during these motor events. We do not feel safe leaving our homes to go to the grocery store, take our children to their sporting events or even venture out to the park. I am terrified when my kids have to ride the school bus, where they ride side by side with cars doing donuts, running red lights and burning out their tires on nearly every block.

When my children get off the school bus and are scared for their safety it is infuriating. Our community continues to be invaded and it feels as though nothing is being done on a State Level.

I know when people think of Ocean City, they think of a large, tourist destination; however, we are a small community, filled with families and lots of young children. I ask that you consider your own family and how you would feel if you went to get your children off of the school bus and had to experience the dangerous, disregard for our families and our safety in Ocean City. That is why we respectfully ask the committee to provide a favorable report on SB 682.

Respectfully,

Jessica Waters

Jessica Waters
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