

Maryland legislators,

We are grateful that Delegate Lehman's bill, HB601 (Street Racing and Exhibition Driving), is being reviewed by the House Environment and Transportation Committee. We appreciate Delegate Lehman and Senator Beidle for their diligence on the matter of unlawful car rallies, and we respectfully ask this committee to move the bill forward.

My household - and literally hundreds of others throughout the region and the state - believe that we have raised adequate outcry to cause positive action on the traffic disruption, noise, and reckless endangerment caused by unlawful car meets. These gatherings frequently shut down roadways so that 100s of motorists are immobilized – and these motorists have included first responders and persons needing emergency medical attention. Moreover, hundreds of youths acting together have openly and aggressively defied our law enforcement officers on multiple occasions when they have tried to interrupt the group's unlawful behavior.

We are aware that penalties in place for Ocean City have brought positive results and we ask that similar law is enacted across the state. We ask that perpetrators face the possibility of arrest, steep fines, points on the driver's license, and vehicle impoundment or forfeiture (for multiple offenses).

Thank you for hearing us. Please support HB601.

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