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Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE:** Support for House Bill 0601 - Street Racing and Exhibition Driving

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The College Park City Council voted unanimously during the meeting of February 6, 2024 to support HB0601, which would increase penalties for any driver unlawfully engaging in racing and exhibition driving on public roads.

Unfortunately, our residents have experienced an increase in this dangerous and disturbing behavior. One incident required a significant coordinated police response in order to disburse the offenders without further endangering the public. It is not unusual for groups of motorcycle and ATV drivers to briefly take over sections of Baltimore Avenue. Recently a number of exhibition drivers used the sidewalks and circled a police vehicle at an intersection trying to protect law-abiding drivers.

These actions harm communities and waste resources. HB0601 will penalize this dangerous behavior, reducing its occurrence and allow better use of our public safety resources.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's position.

Sincerely,

Fazlul Kabir  
Mayor

cc: Maryland 21<sup>st</sup> District Delegation