

In the Matter of HB 0601 - Street Racing & Exhibition Driving

2/15/2024

Dear Members of the MD House of Environment & Transportation Committee,

My name is Danielle Singley, and I am the President of the Westview Park Improvement & Civic Association in Catonsville, MD.

**My testimony today is in support of House Bill 0601.**

I reside in a community that consists of 1800 homes, and we are within a half mile radius of several major thoroughfares, including U.S. Route 70, U.S. Route 40, MD- Route 122 (Security Blvd.), Maryland Interstate 695, and the I-70 at I-695 Interchange. Westview Park also borders Westview Shopping Center in Catonsville and Security Square Mall in Windsor Mill. We are a community of young families and older adults.

- In March 2023, our area was inundated with people hosting large, unruly drag racing events at Security Mall in the middle of the night. The events drew hundreds of people and cars from across multiple states. Every weekend, my neighbors and I had to listen to loud music, cheering crowds, revving engines, spinning cars, screeching tires, mild crashes, and, eventually, police sirens. It was a tremendous hardship for our community.
- Also in March 2023, there was a horrific car crash on I 695 (near the Security/Woodlawn exit), which killed 6 highway workers. This car crash was the result of reckless driving at dangerously high speeds. I was 5 minutes behind that day. If I had left work on time, I too might have been involved in that crash. Any one of us could've been victims. I think about those families and the lost lives a lot.
- Regardless of this tragedy, the street racing continued throughout the summer months, every weekend at night, on I-70, and during the day on I-695.

Street racing is a public nuisance. It disturbs the peace and puts all of us in immediate danger.

Please vote in favor of House Bill 0601.

Sincerely,



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