



SafeRoadsMD

Date: February 13, 2024

To: House of Delegates, Environment and Transportation Committee:
Chair Delegate Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and All Delegate Members and Staff

Re: **HB0513. Sponsored by** The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Allen, Amprey, Bagnall, Bartlett, Bhandari, Boaf, Boyce, Charkoudian, Crutchfield, Ebersole, Fennell, Foley, Forbes, Fraser-Hidalgo, Grossman, Guyton, Guzzone, Harris, Henson, Hill, Jackson, A. Johnson, S. Johnson, D. Jones, Kaiser, Kaufman, Lopez, Martinez, McCaskill, T. Morgan, Munoz, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Patterson, Phillips, Pruski, Roberson, Ruff, Ruth, Simmons, Simpson, Solomon, Stewart, Taveras, Taylor, Turner, Valderrama, Watson, White Holland, Williams, and Ziegler

Motor Vehicles – Work Zone Speed Control Systems – Revisions (Maryland Road Working Protection Act of 2024)

I, John Becker, as a member of the Board of Directors of Safe Roads Maryland do hereby submit the following as written testimony in support of the referenced bill and urge the Environment and Transportation Committee to pass a **Favorable Supporting Report**.

Safe Roads focus is the safety of roadway workers, whether it is maintenance, repair and new construction of Maryland Roadways. We especially endorse the higher fines assessed on perpetrators that violate the provisions as laid out in this legislation. It is quite apparent that the severity of fines/penalties should increase as more offenses occur. Roadway workers, law enforcement, fire life safety responders and towing operators, need support for their safety and this legislation is a good step for safer Maryland roads.

Good Luck!

Regards,

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