

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 212 – Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization

Dear Chair Korman and members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following letter of information for the Committee's consideration on House Bill 212.

House Bill 212 authorizes the use of noise abatement monitoring systems in Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County to enforce violations of State law governing maximum sound limits of motor vehicles. The use of noise abatement monitoring systems must be authorized by local law.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) understands the implementation and operation of these noise abatement monitoring system programs to be matters of local concern. In those instances where equipment would be mounted to, or utilize SHA infrastructure or right-of-way, SHA will maintain approval or permitting processes in a similar manner to those for other types of automated enforcement systems. As a part of this process, SHA would seek to recover costs from sponsor agencies for SHA's engineering reviews and permit approvals.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during its deliberations of House Bill 212.

Respectfully submitted,

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