

Good afternoon, my name is Janet Groncki, I am the President and CEO of Sunrise Safety Services, Inc.

Sunrise is a Traffic Control company, located in Glen Burnie, MD. We have been in business for 28 ½ years. We have 108 employees and approximately 87 of them work on Maryland highways every day setting up lane closures, installing traffic signs, temporary pavement markings, crash cushions and more.

Today I am here to speak in favor of Senate Bill 479 – The Maryland Road Worker Protection Act.

I have had the opportunity to be a part of the Governor's Work Zone Safety Committee. We have discussed the things that we believe would help and I appreciate and thank Governor Moore and Lt. Governor Miller for all their hard work and dedication for introducing this bill to protect Maryland's Work Zone Employees. We desperately need to see safety changes made in Maryland's work zones!

Can you imagine doing your job every day with these kinds of hazards? Seeing someone you work with get injured or killed while simply just doing their job.

Every day our workers put their lives on the line, and we need to ensure that they go home each and every day to their families and loved ones. And that they get to come back to work the next shift.

I have been with Sunrise for over 27 years, and I have seen my fair share of vehicles coming into our work zones and injury our employees so that is the reason I am here today to hopefully show you why it is important that you vote in favor of this bill 479.

And please remember to travel through our work zones safely and spread the word to everyone you know, because it can save a life.

I thank you for your time today and again ask that you please vote in favor of Senate Bill 479. I know that these changes are a step in the right direction.