



Testimony of the Mayor and Council of Rockville
SB 155 – Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems –
Authorization
SUPPORT

The City of Rockville is thankful to Chairman Smith and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for the opportunity to provide written comments regarding SB 155. We are thankful to Senator Washington for sponsoring this important legislation.

The Mayor and Council unanimously support SB 155, which authorizes local governments to install noise monitoring systems on roadways. In recent years, excessive noise from vehicles with illegally modified exhaust has negatively impacted our cities and towns by frightening those on sidewalks, in nearby cars, and disturbing residents in the privacy of their homes.

We strongly support the provisions of SB 155 for the following reasons:

- This legislation would help address the ongoing concerns our residents have regarding excessive noise disruptions.
- SB 155 would broadly expand the capability of the City Police to address this public nuisance, as there aren't enough police patrols in the City and Montgomery County to respond to noise violations through traffic enforcement.
- We saw a dramatic and positive change in driver behavior when speed and red-light cameras were installed in Rockville. SB 155 has the potential to have a similar impact by providing an incentive for drivers to comply with laws governing noise violations.

Automated noise monitoring systems are a promising new tool that could dramatically reduce noise pollution, excessive noise violations, and restore peace and quiet for those enjoying a walk, a bike ride, or working from home. For these reasons, we urge the Committee to provide SB 155 with a favorable report. Thank you.