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POSITION STATEMENT

PG 307-25 State Highway Administration – Memorials Prince George's County - Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's

Delegation County

POSITION: SUPPORT

PG 307-25 introduced by the Prince George's County Delegation, directs the State Highway Administration (SHA) to install a memorial sign along a designated section of Maryland Route 210, also known as Piscataway Highway. This measure seeks to honor individuals who lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents on this historically hazardous roadway. By raising awareness of the ongoing need for safer driving conditions and emphasizing the importance of infrastructure improvements, this initiative provides a vital opportunity to commemorate those lost while striving to prevent future tragedies.

Maryland Route 210 has a tragic history of motor vehicle fatalities, and PG 307–25 demonstrates the State's commitment to honoring the lives lost while promoting safer roads. The proposed memorial sign serves as both a solemn reminder of past tragedies and a call to action, with its message encouraging shared responsibility for highway safety. By supporting this bill, the General Assembly acknowledges the need for public awareness and infrastructure improvements, fostering a safer driving environment and providing a meaningful gesture to grieving families.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS PG 307-25** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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On behalf of the Prince George's County Council

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PG 307-25 / HB-440

Dear Delegates,

My name is Rev. Dr. Robert L. Screen Sr. Founder and Facilitator of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee and supporter of PG 307-25 / HB-440.

This Legislation will allow a long standing fault and malady to be addressed and rectified in the Indian Head Highway Route (210) community; an ailment of indifference towards the many who have lost their lives on a highway, named by AAA National Motor association, as the "Highway of Death"!

This signage will not only recognize the intimacy of each fatal victim of an automobile traffic incident, but also promote the on-going efforts of this community to make this highway safer!

Making this highway safer for this community may be through the visible efforts of a few, but it is a common conviction of serious concern shared by all!

The visible signage will serve as a constant reminder of those lost, but also the shared responsibility for all drivers and pedestrians to do their part.

It is more than time to "<u>turn the page"</u> and "<u>shift gears"</u> into a new reality, a new Indian Head Highway community that we all respect the lives and well-being of others, in our driving and pedestrian behavior; I sincerely believe this sign will point us in the right direction!

Please vote for the passage of PG 307-25 / HB-440, please be a part of the move forward!!!

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Screen Sr.

Facilitator / MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee

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Position: FAV

Support for HB 440 - Memorial Sign for Victims of Traffic Violence on MD 210

Ron Weiss, Fort Washington

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

I live near MD 210, and it is my main street. Every day, I share this highway with 80,000 vehicles, some of which are driven by people who take reckless and dangerous risks. My goal, like so many others who travel this road, is simple: I just want to get home safely.

MD 210 has long been recognized as one of Maryland's deadliest highways, with 95 recorded fatalities in recent years. The 2008 tragedy in Accokeek, where illegal drag racing claimed eight lives in an instant, is a heartbreaking reminder of how dangerous this road can be. Speeding, reckless driving, and inadequate enforcement continue to make this corridor a threat to residents and commuters alike.

A memorial sign will serve as more than just a tribute to those who have lost their lives—it will be a call to action, a stark reminder for every driver that their choices on the road matter. Other safety campaigns have shown that visible reminders influence behavior and encourage responsibility. Approving HB 440 is a chance for Maryland to show its commitment to preventing further tragedies and honoring the families forever impacted by these losses.

Since 2017, the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee has worked tirelessly to push for solutions—speed enforcement, public education, and legislative action. Progress has been made, but we cannot afford to slow down. A memorial sign would reinforce the message that safety must remain a priority.

I urge you to support and advance HB 440 to ensure that the victims of MD 210 are never forgotten and that their memories drive us toward lasting change.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Ron Weiss

MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee Founding Member