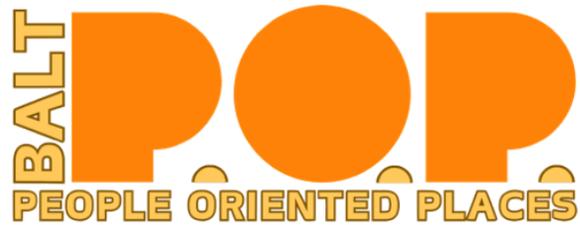


Bill: SB0967

Bill Title: Howard County - Noise Abatement
Monitoring Systems - Authorization

Position: **Favorable**



Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

As a group which believes that encouraging traditional, higher-density development patterns in Maryland will deliver us appealing, affordable, fiscally-sustainable communities, we support SB0967.

Unfortunately, one of the criticisms people tend to have of living in more densely populated areas is the noise. The commonly-accepted wisdom is that cities are loud. However, cities aren't loud, cars are loud. A densely-populated pedestrian-oriented corridor is actually rather quiet.

It will take time to gradually reduce the prevalence/dominance of automobiles in our communities, even the denser, urban ones. In the meantime, we can take steps to identify and penalize those who inflict an inordinately and offensively high amount of noise in our communities, thereby making them more pleasant and livable **today**.

Allowing Howard County to employ noise abatement monitoring systems will help it build greater acceptance of a denser built environment among its residents. We see no reason to not allow this ability.

We hope the committee finds these points helpful and convincing and we urge its members to **vote in favor of SB0967**. Thank you for your efforts and the opportunity for us to testify on this legislation.

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