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## **SPONSOR TESTIMONY**

## SB 193: State Highway Administration – Memorials – Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's County

SB 193 is a local bill that will require the State Highway Administration to **erect a memorial sign along a specific portion of Maryland Route 210**, which is in the 26<sup>th</sup> legislative district. This sign will recognize individuals who have tragically lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents on this roadway.

Maryland Route 210 has long been a vital artery for our community, connecting neighborhoods and businesses while serving thousands of travelers daily. However, it has also become known for its high rate of motor vehicle accidents. The stretch between mile markers 11.359 and 11.672, near the Kerby Hill Road ramps, has been particularly treacherous. Lives have been lost, families have been devastated, and the community continues to grieve.

This bill not only remembers the lives lost but also reaffirms our commitment to making Maryland Route 210 safer for all.

Under this legislation, a memorial sign will be placed along the designated portion of the highway. The sign will feature the message:

"In memory of the lives lost on Maryland Route 210. We are making our highway safer."

This is more than just a tribute. It is a call to action—a visible and impactful reminder for drivers to prioritize safety. It acknowledges the pain of those who have lost loved ones while encouraging all travelers to do their part in preventing future tragedies.

In closing, SB 193 represents a meaningful step forward in recognizing the past, honoring the present, and protecting the future. By supporting this bill, we send a message to the people of Prince George's County and beyond that their safety, history, and well-being matter.

Therefore, I urge a FAVORABLE report for SB 193.