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HB0988: Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 200
(Intercounty Connector) MC 10-25

Chair Smith and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I support HB0988, which allows the Maryland Transportation Authority to place and use speed cameras as an enforcement mechanism along the MD-200 routes.

We know that reducing the speed of vehicles results in the reduction of injuries and fatalities, with the IIHS¹ having a quick summary. Speeding on MD-200 occurs at any time of day, even during busy rush hours. My safety shouldn't need to depend on luck and hope that the drivers who choose to excessively speed on MD-200 avoid hitting me from behind or cutting me off as they weave through drivers safely driving.

Maryland is already utilizing camera technology to make other roads safer with proven results, and this bill will bring added safety with automated enforcement to MD-200.

Anything we can do to help save lives for people navigating our roads in a motor vehicle, bicycle, scooter, wheel chair, or on foot is a step in the right direction.

I urge a favorable report from the committee so that it can be brought to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.iihs.org/topics/speed>