

# **MGA 2025 Testimony Bill SB0967 (Noise Abatement Mo**

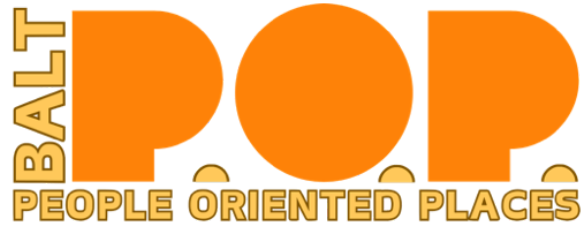
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Position: FAV

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.

[BaltPOP - Baltimoreans for People-Oriented Places](#)

# **HoCo 17-25 (SB967) Senate Committee Letter.docx.pd**

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February 26, 2025  
The Honorable Senator William C Smith Jr  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings  
The Maryland State Senate  
Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, 2 East Wing  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Smith,

The Howard County Delegation **voted in favor** of the following bill that will appear before your committee:

*SB967 -- Howard County – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization*

We request a favorable committee report. Please contact the Howard County Delegation office at [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us) if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Senator Clarence K. Lam, MD, MPH  
Senate Chair  
Howard County Delegation

Chao Wu, PhD

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Delegate Chao Wu, PhD  
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## **Vote Sheet HoCo 17-25\_SB967.pdf**

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# Howard County Delegation

Voting Record – 2025 Session

Bill Number: LR1719

HoCo Bill Number: Ho.Co. 17-25

Vote Date: 2/26/2025

Final Action: Passed

## Motion:

☒ Favorable

☐ Favorable with Amendment

☐ Withdrawn

Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Lam, Clarence, Chair, Sen.	✓			
Wu, Chao, Chair, Del	✓			
Guzzone, Guy, Sen.	✓			
Hester, Katie Fry, Sen.	✓			
Atterbeary, Vanessa, Del.	✓			
Feldmark, Jessica, Del.	✓			
Guzzone, Pam, Del.	✓			
Hill, Terri, Del.	✓			
Terrasa, Jen, Del.				✓
Watson, Courtney, Del.	✓			
Ziegler, Natalie, Del.	✓			

Committee Reporter Musa Jafri