

Written Position of Jeff Myers on HB 55 of 2026

I write to you as a longtime resident of Timonium, Maryland. My name is Jeff Myers, and I implore you to vote in favor of HB 55.

It should not be news to you that speeding is out of control. It is invariably one of the top complaints of residential communities across the State, especially now that Waze and other services route commuters and transporters through residential areas. In my area people use Pot Spring Road as a thoroughfare and routinely drive 20 to 30 miles per hour over the speed limit. We have had a number of serious accidents, which the Cockeysville police precinct can confirm. One accident was so severe that people had to be transported to Shock Trauma via helicopter. Another resulted in a car going airborne and landing in the backyard of a home that faced Pot Spring Road. All this occurred on a 30-mph road.

At a community meeting called about the Pot Spring situation, County police officers and a senior traffic engineer confided that the only thing that will really slow down drivers is speed cameras, especially if the boxes are left in place so drivers do not know when a camera has been moved to another location. Signs, striping, and medians only help so much, and speed bumps can only be installed in limited situations.

While HB 55 alone may not alleviate this problem, it will be a significant part of solving the speeding problem in residential areas. Counties deserve the flexibility to place speed cameras in residential areas other than school zones. Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties have this power already. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety studied Montgomery County's program and found it to be effective:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15389588.2016.1189076>.

Other counties should have the same power to battle speeding as each sees fit to do so. Our children and citizens are no less valuable than those of Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties. We need your support for HB 55.