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HB 55 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts

DATE: February 5, 2026
COMMITTEE: House Environment and Transportation Committee
POSITION: Favorable
FROM: Victoria Venable, Director of Government Relations, Frederick County

On behalf of the County Executive of Frederick County, I respectfully request that the committee provide a favorable report for **HB 55 – Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts**. This legislation would grant local jurisdictions the authority to deploy speed cameras in residential districts, contingent upon local law authorization.

As we strive to maintain the safety of our communities and roads, automated speed monitoring systems are an invaluable resource. However, current state regulations prohibit counties from utilizing these systems within residential neighborhoods. This restriction hampers the ability of local governments, such as Frederick County, to address safety concerns voiced by residents effectively.

HB 55 would enable local jurisdictions to enact legislation permitting the use of automated speed monitoring systems in residential areas with speed limits below 35 miles per hour. The implementation of these systems could significantly mitigate the presence of reckless drivers in residential zones, thereby reducing the risk of preventable accidents and improving our ability to address safety concerns of our constituents.

Frederick County takes pride in being a community where individuals can live, work, and thrive. It is imperative that residents feel safe while walking, biking, or driving in their neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering HB 55. I strongly urge you to advance this bill with a favorable report.