
February 5, 2026

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 366 – Motor Vehicles – Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program – Establishment

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports Senate Bill 366 as an important safety initiative.

SB 366 requires the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to establish a new pilot program using intelligent speed assistance (ISA) systems installed in participants' vehicles. These devices use existing technology – including global positioning and engine governors – to ensure the vehicle is prevented from exceeding the posted speed limit. Participants would be enrolled in the program as an alternative to serving a suspension of their driving privileges for certain offenses.

Speeding is one of the most dangerous driving behaviors, accounting in part for one out of every three crashes. In 2024 and 2025, over 14,000 crashes which occurred on Maryland's roadways involved speeding. The probability of death or serious injury grows with impacts at higher speeds—doubling for every 10 miles per hour (MPH) over 50 MPH that a vehicle travels. The dangers of speeding are also borne on vulnerable road users (VRU) such as pedestrians and bicyclists at much greater risk, with the VRUs eight times more likely to die if struck by a motorist driving 40 mph compared to when struck at 20 mph. Maryland has set the goal of zero vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries on state roadways by the year 2030.

ISA shows promise at addressing the chronic dilemma of speeding on Maryland's roadways by its worst offenders. As Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia begin to implement their own ISA programs and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators begins work on new guidelines for this promising technology, Maryland has the opportunity to continue being at the forefront in utilizing technology to reach our goal of zero deaths on our roadways by adopting a pilot program implementing ISA to address the most serious and dangerous drivers on our roadways. Stopping dangerous speeders at the speed limit shows promise in correcting poor driving behavior contributing to serious injury and deaths on Maryland's roadways while reducing the overall impact to individuals that would otherwise serve a suspension of their driving privileges.

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For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information during its deliberations and issue Senate Bill 366 a favorable report.

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