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Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair
Delegate Dana Stein, Vice-Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: Support for HB 626 (PG 301-21) Prince George's County – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 626, also known as Prince George's County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems (PG 305-21). This bill is being sponsored by the Prince George's County House Delegation and would allow for the use of vehicle height monitoring systems within the county in order to restrict the presence of certain vehicles at specific times.

I am pleased that the Prince George's County Council has also taken an official position of "support" for this legislation as well.

This legislation is in response to an ongoing problem in the Town of Riverdale Park, which I am proud to represent and call home, where numerous drivers of large trucks and commercial vehicles are disregarding posted height and weight restrictions by using local roads to bypass larger roadways. The issue is more than one of frustration on the part of residents. Rather, large vehicles regularly driving on residential roads not designed for that sort of vehicle weight and size damages both the roadways and often curbs and sidewalks, having immense budget implications for municipalities.

It is likely there are other local jurisdictions in Prince George's County which also experience this problem and could also benefit from this enabling legislation.

I join my colleagues on the Prince George's County Council in urging you to support HB626 (PG 301-21). Thank you for your consideration.

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