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To the Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee:

The Town of Upper Marlboro voices its support for **HB 619: Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts and School Zones.**

Maryland Route 725, Old Marlboro Pike, is one of the Town of Upper Marlboro three major roadways. The roadway sees over 280,000 vehicles per month, or 1,800,000 vehicles per year. Many of these vehicles are traveling into the Town's Downtown core, which hosts the one of the State's largest Courthouses, as well as the County Administration Building. Even though the roadway experiences this much volume, it is also a residential roadway with many single-family homes lining the roadway. MD 725 also has over two dozen school bus stops serving dozens of students ranging grades K-12 attending nine different County Schools.

Below are some figures the Town's Radar Speed Sign has gathered:

- Average Maximum Speed: 70MPH
- Average monthly Vehicle Count: 279,644
- Average Speed Violator Percentage: 69%

With over 1.5 million visitors annually into Downtown Upper Marlboro and only 700 residents, the bulk of the small Town's Police Department is spent attempting to place a dent in the traffic safety issues plaguing the small Town instead of Community Policing. Due to it being a residential roadway with sidewalks, MD 725 offers limited shoulder space to conduct safe traffic stops posing a safety issue to our officers. The solutions proposed in PG 302–21 would protect our citizens, our officers, and all of the Prince George's County residents who travel through Upper Marlboro each year.

Thank you for your dedication to Prince George's County. We request your favorable support on PG 302–21.

