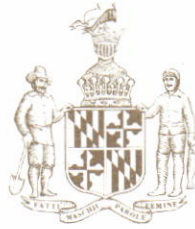


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April 7, 2021

SB 888

Anne Arundel County – Speed Monitoring Systems
Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road)

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

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Thank you for this opportunity to present SB 888, Anne Arundel County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) to you. This bill was brought to me by a constituent who lives on a residential section of Route 175 (Jessup Road).

SB 888 is a very simple piece of legislation that allows Anne Arundel County the option of placing a speed monitoring system along Maryland Route 175 between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Howard County line, outside of the school zone.

It is supported by:

- Mr. Jaime Villa, a homeowner whose property has sustained multiple vehicle accidents that have damaged his home and property (testimony attached),
- Mr. John O'Lexey, President of Severn Realty, Inc. and President of the Jessup Improvement Association (testimony attached),
- Ms. Shannon Allen provided oral testimony for the Jessup Improvement Association.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 35 to 12.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 888 and I ask for the Delegation's support for this enabling legislation.

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March 4, 2021

**SB 888
Anne Arundel County – Speed Monitoring Systems – MD Route 175**

Chairman Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

Good Afternoon, my name is Jimmy Villa and my family and I live at 2924 Jessup Road (MD Route 175). Our lives are impacted daily by the cars traveling at high speeds, as you can see from the short video that Senator Beidle showed.

Four times vehicles have invaded my yard, garage and home. Damage to my property has been significant, cost to repair the damage has ranged from \$5,000 to \$40,000.

What is the impact on my family you ask? I have to wear class 3 safety gear to get the mail from my mailbox to be more visible to speeding drivers, my daughter cannot play in the yard, family events and more are limited. We must always be on the look-out for cars traveling at dangerous speeds.

There have not been any deaths yet, however development in the area continues to increase and the traffic gets worse, I believe it is only a matter of time.

I believe speed cameras could help, just knowing they are there drivers will reduce their speed to avoid getting a ticket and paying a fine, this could save the lives of my family and those in my community.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today on SB888; my family and I ask for your support.



March 3, 2021

Chairman Smith, and members of the committee:

I am a business owner of 2 corporations and 2 partnership businesses located at 2604 Annapolis Road (Rt. 175) near Disney Road in Severn. I strongly believe that traffic cameras are needed on Rt. 175 in the Jessup / Severn area. Within the last 5 years I have seen a dramatic increase in the volume of vehicles traveling both east and west bound in front of properties. Though more importantly the increase in speed, the posted speed limit in this area is set at 45 mph however I can state these vehicles are using the posted speed limit as a minimum speed indicator not a maximum. Within the last 2 months there has been one head on collision and a multi car accident both events were vehicle traveling at an estimated 65 mph. The first accident was a car traveling west on Rt. 175 from Reese Road traveling towards Disney Road was according to witnesses jockeying in and out of the slow lane and fast lane higher than the posted speed limit. Once entering the intersection a Disney Road this vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed into the left turn lane that exited into Meade High School however his attempt was to bypass the vehicle in the fast lane then once entering the intersection moving back into the west bound fast lane. This did not happen, once in the intersection he was unable to gain entry into the west bound lane only to enter the eastbound lane (oncoming traffic). He hit a car at the rate of 70 mph headon, the woman 78 years old traveling eastbound did not have a chance. Though this same event happened 2 weeks later with the same scenario however the pickup went onto the medium strip blowing out both front tires causing a accident involve the vehicles in the westbound fast and slow lanes.

My question, what would have happened in students walking acrossed Rt. 175 would have been on the medium strip. The answer, they would have died.

I am in total favor of SB-888.

Respectfully,

John O'Lexey
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