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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,

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