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Maryland House of Delegates
Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: Support of Senate Bill 612: Street Racing, Exhibition Driving, and Noise Abatement - Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties

Dear Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee,

This letter is to express the Baltimore County Police Department's support of Senate Bill 612. This bill would add violations to the Transportation Article in order to equip law enforcement agencies with the authority to be able to address exhibition driving, racing, and speed contests. These pop-up events have occurred in Baltimore County and several other jurisdictions across our state. Exhibition driving involves dangerous motor vehicle maneuvers by amateur drivers, placing themselves and spectators in serious harm. Most significantly, the potential for un-involved citizens to happen upon these events and face injury is a strong possibility.

Our agency, like many others, need to be able to address the problem of exhibition driving, racing, and speed contests quickly and effectively. Senate Bill 612 will provide this avenue. As such, Baltimore County Police Department requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 612.

Respectfully,

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