



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

**TOM HUCKER**  
Councilmember

Member, Public Safety Committee  
Chair, Transportation & Environment Committee

January 20, 2022

Dear members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

The recent uptick in car rallies and speed contests is of great concern to me and my constituents. These events often involve dangerous displays of stunts and reckless driving, the blocking of major arterial roadways, and the incessant, ear-splitting sound of roaring engines and screeching tires. This is the reality that many of my constituents experience all too frequently.

I support the intent behind HB102 to establish a punishment aimed at deterring drivers from participating in these events. By imposing a fine up to \$1000 and making this offense a must appear charge, drivers will think twice about engaging in stunt contests, speed races, and general recklessness. We must continue to consider the legislative tools at our disposal to fundamentally address this dangerous behavior. This represents a step in the right direction towards eliminating these events entirely.

Again, I fully support efforts to empower both law enforcement and the Judiciary to take decisive action that deters participation in car rallies and races. I am committed to working with the sponsor and the committee to ensure a safe environment for Marylanders.

I thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hucker".

Tom Hucker  
Councilmember, District 5  
Montgomery County Council