

Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. My name is Karen Coakley and I am president of the Beltsville Citizen's Association. I want to thank my Delegate Mary Lehman for introducing House Bill 102.

Let me paint a few pictures for you ...you're outside taking a walk and a swarm of bees starts buzzing around you. Clearly this creates some need jerk reactions. Now let's pick up the pace a bit you're driving on the highway going 60 miles an hour and a swarm of 50 plus cars come buzzing by you at excessive speeds picture how you're going to possibly react.

Picture number 2 you are taking a family member to the hospital. You are driving on the inner loop of I-95 near College Park when all of a sudden traffic comes to a standstill. ***FYI the interstate is closed because of those 50 plus buzzing cars I was telling you about This time they've decided to close the inner loop of the beltway so they can do figure "8's" in the middle of the beltway.*** Your arrival at the hospital is delayed so someone can do figure "8's" in the middle of the beltway!!! This actually happened last spring.

Picture number 3 what happens when 1st responder's ambulance, firetrucks and police are also stuck in this traffic so someone can perform stunts!!! In an emergency situation that our 1st every second matters.
Please pass House Bill 102



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