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HB264-Speed monitoring system-School zones-Nursery schools - FAVORABLE

Dear Mr. Chair and Colleagues on the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I am writing to request a favorable report on HB 264. HB264 authorizes the expansion of school speed enforcement zones to areas near nursery schools. Current statute only includes K-12 schools in this definition.

This change has been requested by community members to help address excessive speeds on major thoroughfares. Since being enacted in 2009 by this GAM, Maryland's SafeZones program has been extremely effective, reporting a near 90 percent reduction of vehicles speeding more than 12 miles above the speed limit in SafeZone areas. Nursery schools, defined in COMAR as an educational program for 2-5 years, need similar protections.

HB264 enables counties to implement school speed enforcement zones near nursery schools if they choose to do so. I thank you for your attention to this matter and request a favorable report on HB264.

Thank you,

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