

February 21, 2023

Environmental and Transportation Committee

House Members:

Please support two bills: HB 431 and HB 435

In 1987 my family moved to 17810 Indian Head Highway, Accokeek, having bought a kennel business which we renamed Anchors Kennel.

We did have drag races during late night/early morning hours but during daylight and early evening hours traffic was minimal. It was a peaceful drive in both directions. It is no longer peaceful. Over the years, traffic has increased significantly because of development in Prince George's and Charles County and improvements to the Indian Head Highway.

It saddens me when I see the poles that have been placed on the shoulders to control drivers. Yes, it blocks drivers; however, it also blocks ambulances, police cars, and firetrucks from quick responses which could result in more deaths.

The third generation is taking over Anchors Kennel and I want a safer highway for our clients as well as my grandchildren and great grandchildren to travel. Please pass both bills which should make our highway safer and not be known as the "Highway of Death."

Sincerely,

Marilyn Randall

Anchors Kennel