

Testimony to Prince George's County House Delegation PG-303-23-1 and PG 304-23 – Support

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RE: Support of PG-303-23-1, " Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) – Penalties"

I am Tolores Holmes a Registered Nurse and active member of the Tantallon Square Area Civic Association speaking for myself in support of PG-303-23-1. I am also a mother six children and Route 210 I believe is a Public Health Emergency. As a resident I must literally "take my life in my hands" to travel in the community. In the state of Maryland Route 210 is the most dangerous road! Many of my community members, neighbors, friends and even family members have been injured and killed on Route 210. Community civic associations and groups have complained about the dangers of Route 210 for more than 20 years and been ignored while our community suffers daily. Road safety depends on users following the rules of the road to provide a predictable environment for all users. While most people drive responsibly on MD 210, its long sections of straight, level roadway attract speeders and illegal racers. As a result, MD 210 continues to be one of the deadliest roads in Prince George's County and the area. There have been 8 fatalities on MD 210 this year and the minority of irresponsible drivers have not been deterred by \$40 fines. Over 600 vehicles have been clocked at over 90 MPH during the 7-month period AprilOctober 2022. One vehicle was recorded at an incredible 168 MPH this year. These drivers inject chaos in our road environment and make our travel much riskier. Reckless drivers value their thrills over our basic rights to safety, peace, and tranquility. PG-303-23-1 will go a long way to deter their life-threatening and irresponsible behavior. I strongly urge you to support PG-303-23-1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tolores Holmes