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Kumar P. Barve *Chair*
Environment & Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB208, Street Racing and Exhibition Driving

Hello Chair Barve,

The Calverton Citizens Association and the Calverton community have had it. Enough is enough.

Enough is enough with street racing and exhibition driving. This dangerous behavior not only presents a danger to the nearby communities and citizens of Maryland. This dangerous behavior also presents a danger to anyone and anything along the path of the reckless and driving behavior. I heard that an older person was caught in an exhibition of doing wheelies on Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. This person suffered a medical emergency, and the emergency response was delayed. It all turned out good but this dangerous and reckless behavior could pose a threat to people who inadvertently get caught in this behavior. There was an incident that involved a Beltsville Police Officer. The officer was assaulted when he approached and tried to break up a street racing group. Luckily, as far as we know, no one has died from these street racing and exhibition driving groups. Something for all of us to ponder. There sure have been a lot of incidents where cars have run off of the road for no apparent reason. What could be the cause?

Please help our community and all communities in the state of Maryland. HB208 will improve the safety of life in our community, improve the safety of life in other communities and counties and will improve the safety of life for all Maryland residents. As I sit in my quiet house, it is very scary to hear the loud roar of these vehicles going down a road nearby. The roar of the engines is amazing.

Please vote yes on HB208 and help us get the street racing and exhibition driving off our area roads. Please give law enforcement tools to make this problem disappear from our streets. Please remove this dangerous behavior from our roads. Please give us quiet and safe roads where we can drive and walk.

Respectfully submitted,



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