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HEARING DATE: 2/09/2023

BILL: **HB252 - SPONSOR: Delegate Charles, Bagnall, D. Barnes, Charkoudian, Grammer, Grossman, Harris, Harrison, Healey, J. Long, Patterson, Taveras, Taylor, Toles, and Woods**

TITLE: **State Highway Administration-Highway Cleanup-Records and Reporting**

POSITION: **Favorable**

COMMITTEE: **Environment and Transportation**

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Judith Allen-Leventhal, and I live in Maryland Legislative District 26. I support HB252.

This bill is long overdue addressing accountability to bring to light disparities and resulting needs among the various statewide State Highway Administration Maryland Department of Transportation districts statewide. I write on behalf of the Roadway Advocacy Committee for South County (RACS), an ad hoc committee of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association. As very brief background, RACS was established at the urging of residents and concerned citizen activists during the pandemic who were advocating for improved conditions of roadways in our area of southern Prince George's County. As we worked with MDOT officials, and to a lesser extent local county leaders, over the next several years we became increasingly aware of the many and diverse unaddressed needs for improved maintenance along our Maryland roadways. HB252 will provide a much needed first step in establishing accountability to address regular maintenance, mowing, litter removal, contractor accountability, and so on – all outlined in more detail this excellent legislation.

I urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB0135.

Respectfully submitted,
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