

Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein and members of the committee.

My name is Karen Coakley, President of the Beltsville Citizen's Association. I am a lifelong community activist, supporting 1st responders. I have served on the Prince George's County wide Fire Chiefs CAC and represented my community on the local Police district CAC. I am back again like I promised last year when I testified for similar legislation.

How? When and Why??? Did Someone's ENTERTAINMENT become More important than SOMEONES LIFE???

From the moment I saw I 95 closed for Stunt Drivers Entertainment in 2021. My 1st thoughts were of Potential Innocent Victims When Entertainment Road Closures delay. An Innocent Victim who lost their life. An Innocent Victim whose injuries wound up being significantly worse. Why you ask were the First Responders delayed??? Entertainment Road Closures is the answer.

Racing parties create 3 types of victims:

- 1) The INNOCENT because the First Responders were delayed due to Entertainment Road Closures.
- 2) Spectators such as those who lost their lives on Indian Head highway in Prince George's county
- 3) Last but not least Police Officers dealing with several 100 drivers and spectators who outnumber them by at least 20 to 1. These situations create mob mentality. Watch the video from Laurel Race party in the spring of 2022
Someone at that Racing Entertainment Party opened the gas tank of the police cruiser. I Doubt They were putting gasoline in the tank.

Fortunately Someone prevented anything from going into the gas tank.

If the tank was ignited the police officer and spectators could have died or suffered needless severe injuries

In an Emergency Situation Seconds Count!!! Every Seconds Matter!!!

The quicker First Responder arrive...Fire damages are less,
Medical treatment is delivered sooner.

The ramifications of the emergency situation are not as severe because of
Entertainment Road Closures delays.

LIVES ARE LOST!!!

What do you say to Citizens of Maryland who's suffer damaged or lost
property,

What do you say to whose loved one is injured or DIES?

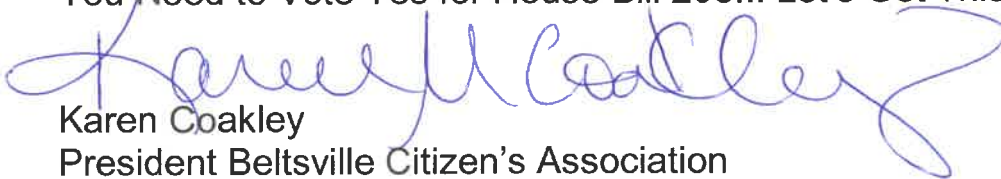
Is someone's ENTERTAINMENT more important than losses to citizens of
Maryland?

How do you tell those families that Maryland puts a greater priority on
ENTERTAINMENT than LIFE?

LIVES MATTER More!!!

You Need To Do Right By The Citizens of Maryland!!!

You Need to Vote Yes for House Bill 208!!! Let's Get This Done!!!



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