



SafeRoadsMD

SB0229

Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems
– Authorization, Use, and Penalties:

PLEASE SUPPORT

**MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.
URGES YOUR SUPPORT FOR SB 0229**

February 7, 2023

TO:

Senator William C. Smith, Chair
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair
Senator Pamela Beidle, Sponsor
Members of the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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FROM:

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My name is John Becker, volunteer Board member of the *Maryland Coalition For Roadway Safety, Inc.* and a resident of Rockville, Maryland.

Our 200+ member organization **strongly supports the enactment of SB 0229, the “Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization, Use, and Penalties” bill.**

We request that the Judiciary Committee submit a favorable review of this bill to vastly reduce DUI-related deaths on Maryland roads.

The Problem

I live within 95 feet of Rockville Pike, MD Route 355 in Town Center Rockville, across the street from the Rockville Metro Station. Over the past decade the noise and associated speeding due to loud modified exhaust systems on cars, trucks, and motorcycles has disrupted our quality of life. Modified vehicle exhaust systems are not enjoyed by the driver unless they are driven under hard acceleration and speeds. To live adjacent to Rockville’s Main Street (MD Route 355) is a constant obnoxious situation in the morning, noon, evening rush hour and late at night.

Other areas throughout Maryland are affected by this obnoxious noise and associated speeding. Keep in mind that living in an urban environment does include associated urban noise such as emergency responder vehicles, law enforcement, and the occasional trash truck and tractor trailer. But all in all, cars, trucks, SUVs and motorcycles with original manufactures’ exhaust systems produce background noise which does not distract from the quality of living in our homes and neighborhoods.

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Take This Necessary Step Towards A Solution

Enacting SB 0229 is an important step, especially when other jurisdictions in New York City and Washington, DC have moved forward with installing active operation noise cameras in New York City and another system in Washington, DC that is being slowly rolled out this month. Maryland needs to join these municipalities in ending this problem.

Background – SafeRoadsMD – Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

Our founding organizations include the *American Automobile Association (AAA) Mid-Atlantic*, the *Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA)*, *The Route 210 Traffic Safety Committee* in Prince George's County and a group of Maryland home owner associations. Alarmed by growing roadway violence in Maryland, we were established to call more attention to and combat the onslaught of speed and noise on our roads. The *Coalition* represents the interests of communities and individuals who directly suffer the consequences of illegal operation of motor vehicles.

We thank you and the Committee for your review of our position, and urge you to submit a favorable recommendation and support for HB0229.

Sincerely,



John Becker
Board Member

cc: SafeRoadsMD *Coalition* Board of Directors and membership