



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

PG 306-24 Traffic Control Devices Monitoring Systems Authorizations – Indian
Delegate Kriselda Head Highway
Valderrama
(Environment and Transportation)

POSITION:

SUPPORT

PG 306-24 – Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems Authorizations - Indian Head Highway – This bill is for the purpose of increasing civil penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County that are second or subsequent violations or that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County.

The Prince George's County Council and our residents have complained for decades about the speeds motorists drive their vehicles on what is nationally known as "death highway." This road is notorious for racing contest and many drivers on Route 210 have been recorded at speeds exceeding 130 mph. This is reckless and dangerous behavior. Over the past 16 years, 91 people have been killed, including 10 people in 2022 alone. These are preventable deaths. Independent studies have shown that speed monitoring systems and enhance penalties do change driver behavior, which is the intention of this bill. The Council respectfully requests a friendly amendment to require those in with second or subsequent violations or that involve exceeding the maximum speed limit by certain amounts, also be required to complete an in-person driver improvement program.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS PG 306-24, with a friendly amendment**, and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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