



January 23, 2024

Bill: Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization, Use, and Penalties

Position: Support

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Gaithersburg writes to support Vehicle Laws – Noise Abatement Monitoring Systems – Authorization. If enacted, this legislation would authorize a local government to use noise abatement monitoring systems.

We believe this bill is a significant step towards mitigating the negative effects of excessive noise levels to those in our community. The use of noise abatement monitoring systems will enable local governments to better monitor and enforce noise regulations, ultimately promoting a peaceful living environment. Moreover, the establishment of certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a noise abatement monitoring system provides necessary safeguards to ensure that the law is enforced fairly and accurately. This will prevent false or incorrect citations from being issued and ensure that drivers have a fair opportunity to contest their citations, if necessary.

This bill is also crucial for the health and well-being of our residents, as excessive noise levels have been linked to stress, sleep disturbances, and even cardiovascular disease. The provisions in this bill will enable local governments to better control, and monitor, the sources of noise pollution, providing a safer and more comfortable living environment for all our residents.

Therefore, we respectfully request a favorable report on HB212.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-466-5350 or our government relations consultant, Sarah Peters at speters@hbstrategies.us.

Respectfully submitted,

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