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MD House of Delegates
Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: Support for HB 974 – Speed Monitoring System on MD 210

Dear Delegates:

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony virtually at today's hearing. I too am a member of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee. Due to other work obligations, I could not make the trip in person to support this important legislation.

I am a "ME TOO" witness and simply want to add that reckless driving and excessive speeding KILLS!! It does so indiscriminately. Whether the victim is a pedestrian, a bystander watching drag racing along MD 210, another driver or bicyclist, all of these types of victims have been killed on MD 210.

Reckless driving and excessive speeds know no jurisdiction boundaries. While we can say only 2 lives were lost on this roadway in 210, the word "only" diminishes the lives lost as every life lost is precious. However, when I say "knows no jurisdiction boundaries", the two people killed on MD 210 in 2023 were residents of Charles and Calvert Counties, not Prince George's. So, if you traverse this stretch of roadway, you unfortunately have a likelihood of being in serious accident or death despite your address.

All Delegates should value life so much that they would not want another person to die on this roadway, but especially one of their own constituents.

Please vote favorably for this bill that we as ordinary citizens have been trying to get passed for several legislative sessions. Thank you, and thank you to the bill's sponsor, my Delegate Kris Valderrama.

Very truly,
Tamara Davis Brown