

SB0902 OPPOSE

Dear Committee Members:

I oppose SB0902. I understand the desire to allow animals to roam more freely without being struck by vehicular traffic, as well as the driver safety concerns. However, I think that at this point, it seems impracticable at this time to implement this since you will construct crossovers and the wildlife may not even use it; and there is no dedicated funding source or a funding process for paying for any of the construction even with grants that the federal government may provide.

Perhaps after the funding plan is in place and has been widely agreed to by your constituents, this bill may make sense. I had my own collision with a large buck which totalled my own vehicle. But the incident occurred in slow-moving traffic as I was approaching an intersection in the middle of downtown Rockville Md, near the county council building. Even if you have DNR do a study to tell you where the best locations for crossover features are, it likely would not have helped my situation. I love animals and nature. But deer-culling operations should also be considered to control that particular population.

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