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Senator William C. Smith, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for Senate Bill 0442 - Street Racing and Exhibition Driving

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The College Park City Council voted unanimously during the meeting of February 6, 2024 to support SB0442, which would increase penalties for any driver unlawfully engaging in racing and exhibition driving on public roads.

Unfortunately, our residents have experienced an increase in this dangerous and disturbing behavior. Incidents often require a significant coordinated police response in order to disburse the offenders without further endangering the public. It is not unusual for groups of motorcycle and ATV drivers to briefly take over sections of Baltimore Avenue. Recently a number of exhibition drivers used the sidewalks and circled a police vehicle at an intersection trying to protect law-abiding drivers.

These actions harm communities and waste resources. SB0442 will penalize this dangerous behavior, reducing its occurrence and allow better use of our public safety resources.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's position.

Sincerely,

Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: Maryland 21st District Delegation