



The Town of
GLEN ECHO
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Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Bill: HB 282 - Speed Monitoring Systems - Agencies - Statements and Certificates of Violations

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Town of Glen Echo supports House Bill 282 as it would provide our municipal government the option to use a technician to review speed camera images and sign the citations. As a municipality without a police department, we would consider installing speed cameras in our jurisdiction.

The cameras would enhance safety on our streets which are directly off active MacArthur Boulevard. There have been increasing congestion and speeding issues in our area. It is busy from many directions with the Glen Echo Park participants, the Irish Inn, and an adjacent to a walking and bike path accessed by many communities including Brookmont, Bannockburn, and Cabin John. We are also very close to the Clara Barton Parkway where speeding is an issue, especially late at night. We have repeatedly asked for calming measures on the Parkway; however, NPS does not have the finances to provide solutions. Lastly, traffic has increased significantly in the area from the 24-hour Intelligence Community South Campus on Sangamore Road.

Neither our town nor the smaller areas around us have their police departments. We know that our District 2 Police in Bethesda does not have enough police officers on the streets. We believe having certified technicians would be more than adequate to view footage and free up officers' time.

For these reasons, the Town of Glen Echo respectfully requests that the committee provide House Bill 282 with a favorable report.

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