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## **SB 442**

## Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibited Acts, Enforcement & Penalties

Good Afternoon Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of Judicial Proceedings;

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to discuss SB 442, Street Racing and Exhibition Driving. We are continuing to see this activity known as "Street Racing" escalate on our State's roadways. During a recent weekend evening, at a downtown Silver Spring intersection, multiple cars were seen doing donuts in the busy intersection blocking through traffic. It is not a local problem, it is happening across the State: Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Howard, Montgomery...to name just a few.

Over the last year, we have worked with Ocean City officials and Public Safety officials from across the state to craft legislation that maintains Ocean City's ability to maintain public safety while expanding the scope of the legislation statewide.

It's time to put an end to this dangerous activity, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 442.

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