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HB 0644

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TO: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill HB 0644 – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 644.

HB 644 expands the authorization of speed monitoring systems to be used in residential districts statewide, ensuring a uniform approach to speed enforcement in communities where pedestrian and vehicular safety remain a priority. This legislation also enhances signage requirements to inform motorists of speed monitoring systems in place, further promoting compliance with posted speed limits.

Currently, speed monitoring systems have proven to be an effective tool in reducing speeding and improving traffic safety in designated areas, including along Interstate 83 in Baltimore City. By allowing their use in residential districts throughout the state, HB 644 strengthens local jurisdictions' ability to enforce speed limits and mitigate traffic-related incidents in areas with high pedestrian activity.

Speeding remains a leading cause of crashes and traffic fatalities. Providing local jurisdictions with the ability to implement and enforce speed monitoring systems in residential districts will serve as a proactive measure to protect residents, pedestrians, and motorists alike. The inclusion of enhanced signage requirements ensures transparency and public awareness, reinforcing compliance with traffic laws.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on HB 644.