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Support HB 1032 –  
“Montgomery County – Stop  
Sign Monitoring Systems –  
Authorization.”

## MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC. URGES YOUR SUPPORT FOR HB 1032

February 19, 2025

TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FROM:

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**Re: Request for a Favorable Report on HB 1032 –  
Stop Sign Monitoring Systems in Montgomery County**

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

Representing the Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety (SafeRoadsMD), I write today to urge you to **issue a favorable report on House HB 1032 – “Montgomery County – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems – Authorization.”**

This legislation will take an essential step toward **improving pedestrian safety and reducing dangerous driving behaviors** that put children, families, and vulnerable road users at risk every day.

The data and experiences of Montgomery County residents tell a clear and urgent story. Despite ongoing investments in traffic safety, **pedestrian and cyclist fatalities remain unacceptably high. Failure to fully obey stop signs in school zones is a preventable risk with deadly consequences**, and HB 1032 provides a **straightforward and effective solution**.

### Why HB 1032 Matters

- **Accountability for Dangerous Driving:** Automated stop sign enforcement will **hold drivers accountable** for failing to stop at intersections where children and pedestrians are most vulnerable.

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- **Proven Technology for Safer Streets:** Similar enforcement measures in other jurisdictions have significantly **reduced violations and improved driver compliance**, making roads safer for everyone.
- **Fair & Transparent Enforcement:** The bill establishes **clear guidelines** for issuing citations, allowing drivers to contest violations if necessary, while ensuring **no private contractors profit per citation**, preventing conflicts of interest.
- **Dedicated Safety Funding:** Revenue from citations will be **strictly allocated to public safety improvements**, not general budgets, reinforcing the bill's intent to save lives, not generate revenue.

HB 1032 is a practical and evidence-based approach to preventing crashes. As Montgomery County continues working toward its Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths, we must embrace tools that have been shown to change behavior and save lives.

I urge you to **issue a favorable report on HB 1032** and take this critical step toward protecting our communities. Thank you for your time and dedication to improving Maryland's roads.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Seng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Seng" clearly distinguishable.

John J. Seng  
Chair  
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

cc: SafeRoadsMD Board, Peter Gray/BikeMaryland