

TESTIMONIAL SUPPORT FOR

HB-349

Dear Delegates,

The definition of the term, “**Criminal Negligence**” states; **An action, or non-action, that shows disregard for the safety of others, even when the risk is made plain.**

The residents of the 14 mile span of Indian Head Highway have suffered **95** traffic fatalities in the last **17** years.

Since 2018 this highway received its first speed camera growing to the current six in the year 2024, with a new speed camera contractor, (**Jenoptik**), and state-of-the-art cameras as well.

The first six weeks of operations; (2 weeks of July, 4 weeks in August), produced 18,165 Citations. The first 7 months of operations, inclusive of January 2025, produced 53,879 Citations. Each of the six cameras for each of the 7 months since July of 2024 recorded speeds of over 100 MPH high end speeds for each month with one exception of 97 MPH for one camera for one month.

In 7 months 7,579 offenders have 2-4 citations; 1,339 offenders with 5-9 citations and 230 offenders with 10-14 citations.

In 7 months 32,792 offenders were recorded going 12-15 miles over the 67 MPH speed camera buffer; 1,173 going 30-39 MPH over and 482 going 40 MPH or higher over the 67 MPH buffer

We experienced for the first time capturing an individual speeding on our 55 mph highway going **190 mph!**

From Governor Moore’s office, the Work Zone Citation Tier Level Bill passed last year with flying colors, because of the horrible accident that killed six individuals in the work Zone.

This makes our third year seeking to pass the same principled model of this same bill structure, were our community has lost **17 individuals in this three year period!!!**

Why is there a distinction?????

We've been told decisions in the General Assembly are data driven.

To not pass **HB-349**, would not just make this rule a fallacy; **IT WOULD BE CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT!!!**

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