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The Honorable Barry Beauchamp
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Dear Delegate Beauchamp:

On behalf of Wicomico County, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 320 – Wicomico County – Vehicle Laws – Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations. This bill, a reintroduction of HB1312 from 2024, seeks to add Wicomico County to the list of jurisdictions included in Transportation Article 21-507(c) of the Maryland Code. This provision prohibits individuals from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from vehicle occupants in Carroll, Charles, Harford, and Washington counties.

Roadway solicitations have become an increasing concern in Wicomico County, posing safety risks to both pedestrians and motorists. This legislation would provide local law enforcement with the necessary authority to address this growing issue effectively, thereby improving public safety and reducing traffic hazards. The law has proven effective in the four counties where it is already in place, and extending this prohibition to Wicomico County is a logical and much-needed step.

It is important to emphasize that HB 320 does not seek to criminalize individuals who are soliciting donations or engaging in other lawful activities. Rather, it is designed to enhance safety for all roadway users by ensuring that solicitation activities do not take place in areas where they could lead to accidents or disrupt the flow of traffic.

Wicomico County is committed to fostering a safe and accessible environment for its residents and visitors. I firmly believe that this legislation aligns with that commitment and will make a meaningful difference in our community. I respectfully urge your support for HB320 and look forward to working with you to ensure its passage.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

Julie M. Giordano
County Executive