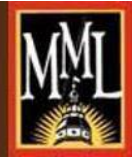




# Prince George's County Municipal Association

An Association of 27 Municipalities



The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
February 21, 2025

## Re: Support for HB343 - Speed Monitoring Systems - Agencies - Statements and Certificates of Violations

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environmental and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We write on behalf of the 27 municipalities that make up the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA), which collectively represents more than 955,000 residents, to share our **support of House Bill 343- Speed Monitoring Systems - Agencies - Statements and Certificates of Violations**

HB343 would allow the hiring and employment of technicians to review and certify speed camera citations. Currently, only a law enforcement officer may make these certifications. The process of reviewing the footage of the violations for clarity and accuracy is largely an administrative task. Expanding the criteria in staff selection and hiring to allow for a technician who does not require the same credentials as an LEO would allow municipalities to more flexibly manage their budget decision and human resources. It can also free up those law enforcement officers to focus on other tasks.

Not all municipalities have police departments, HB343 will aid in being able to access the tools to help keep their community safe. The current law requires those without police departments to contract with an agency to review traffic violations which limits the ability of municipalities to be able to utilize all the tools available to keep their community. These agencies are often the County Police Department, shifting resources from the location most impacted by the violation to the full county.

There is a recruitment and retention challenge for law enforcement agencies around the state and at a national level. Municipalities with police departments would benefit from this legislation by being better able to hire for their needs, which follows job characteristics theory, a proven retention tool. Passing HB343 would allow Municipalities with and without a police department the opportunity to reduce costs that is essential during the current financial climate, while at the same time keeping their community safe.

**Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) urges the committee to provide a Favorable Report on House Bill 343.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Celina R. Benitez".

Mayor Celina R. Benitez, City of Mount Rainier

President, Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA)

Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) members: Berwyn Heights, Bladensburg, Bowie, Brentwood, Capitol Heights, Cheverly, College Park, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, District Heights, Eagle Harbor, Edmonston, Fairmount Heights, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Landover Hills, Laurel, Morningside, Mount Rainier, New Carrollton, North Brentwood, Riverdale Park, Seat Pleasant, University Park, and Upper Marlboro.