

Please Support HB0988

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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Honorable Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
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From:

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Dear Chair Korman and Vice Chair Boyce:

Because of the excessive speeding on Maryland Route 200, I strongly support the passage of HB0988 "Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems-Maryland Route 200 MC10-25."

Having lost my son Brett as he was crossing the street to meet some friends for dinner, I have been advocating for safer streets for the past five years. I believe my experiences give me a personal perspective on roadway safety.



Speeding is the root cause of many traffic crashes and fatalities; Route 200 is a wide open highway with light traffic, and the speeds are extreme. I have personally seen cars whizzing by easily going 20, 30 miles or more over the speed limit. For this reason the crashes on this roadway are particularly severe. In 2023 alone there were 153 crashes on the ICC.

Installing automated speed monitoring systems on the ICC will provide an effective means of controlling the out-of-control speeds and curbing the reckless driving taking place on that roadway. Automated speed monitoring systems are proven to reduce speeding, making our roads safer for all users.

Approving HB0988 will help insure public safety by reducing the speeds on Maryland Route 200. I thank you and the Environment and Transportation Committee members, and I urge you to submit a favorable recommendation for HB0988.

Sincerely,
Mindy Badin