

Testimony in Support of HB 349
Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210 (PG 306-25)

House Environment and Transportation Committee
Presented on Behalf of Jenoptik
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Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to support of HB 349, which strengthens Prince George's County's speed monitoring program on Maryland Route 210 by increasing civil penalties for violations. Jenoptik, a global leader in traffic safety solutions and partner with the 210 Safety Committee, voices strong support for this bill.

Maryland Route 210, also known as Indian Head Highway, has long been recognized as one of the most dangerous roadways in the state. Despite existing enforcement efforts, excessive speeding continues to pose a significant risk to motorists, pedestrians, and law enforcement personnel. This excessive speeding is often perpetuated by repeat offenders. Our speed monitoring systems are already proving to be a highly effective tool in improving compliance and we share in the goal to ultimately save lives.

Increasing the civil penalties for violations, as HB 349 proposes, strengthens the deterrent effect of these enforcement tools with the hope of discouraging reckless driving. The lead sponsor of the legislation, the Delegation, the Prince George's County Police, and the 210 Safety Committee have worked to pass this legislation as a long-term solution to combat the persistent speeding problem on this critical corridor. Jenoptik adds our support to enable passage of this legislation.

We testify that our advanced speed monitoring technology provides accurate, reliable, and fair enforcement, ensuring that only legitimate violations are cited. Yet while we can provide data that identifies the need for additional penalties, only a change in Maryland law can provide the tool. HB 349 is a necessary step in protecting the lives of those who travel along Maryland Route 210. We urge the committee to give this bill a favorable report and support its passage to maintain and strengthen the critical speed monitoring efforts in Prince George's County.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are happy to work with our engineers to answer any technical questions you may have regarding the technology.

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