



**SafeRoadsMD**

**Support HB 0988 -  
Speed Monitoring on  
MD 200 ICC**

**MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.  
URGES MD HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR HB 0988**

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TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
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**Re: Request Favorable Report on HB 0988 – Speed Monitoring on MD 200 ICC**

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and Members of the Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee:

Representing SafeRoadsMD and advocating for Marylanders, I respectfully encourage **your favorable report on House Bill 0988 - “Montgomery County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector).”**

The time for action is now.

Maryland House Bill 0988 is not just another traffic safety measure—it is a necessary and long overdue step toward reducing speeding-related crashes on the MD 200 Intercounty Connector (ICC). As you know, unchecked, chronic, excessive speeding on this 60 mph speed limit toll road continues to endanger law-abiding drivers. There’s no doubt that excessive motor vehicle speeds also cause increased noise in neighboring communities as well. Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) and Montgomery County Police cannot keep up with enforcement demands alone, due to landmark serious staffing shortages. The statistics paint a stark picture:

- **168 crashes on an 18-mile stretch from January - November 2024.**
- **153 crashes, 1 fatality, and 33 injuries in Montgomery County alone.**
- **Uncontrolled speeding forces safe drivers to face unnecessary risk and pressure daily.**

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The ICC is not an ordinary highway—it is an aggressive-speed corridor where a subset of drivers regularly exceeds 75 mph, creating dangerous environment for those who obey the law.

HB 0988 provides a simple, proven solution: **placing speed enforcement cameras along the ICC to hold speeders accountable and prevent crashes before they happen.**

Public opposition? **There is none.** Each of the past three years, speed camera legislation has been submitted and reviewed in the Maryland General Assembly. Besides internal agency questions and uncertainty over jurisdiction and funding, no credible public opposition surfaced. *Only strong, consistent community advocacy and support for using time-proven technology to reduce the speeding, danger and noise.*

As we all know, the Maryland Transportation Authority, or MDTA, owns and operates the ICC. This EZ Pass toll road is likely MDTA's most profitable net income generating roadway. However, the first value in MDTA's Mission is to "deliver safe...transportation" on Maryland's toll roads. (The words "safe" or "safety" appear 4 times in the agency's Mission statement.) If safety is truly *the top priority* for the State of Maryland, then HB 0988 is a straightforward, clear step.

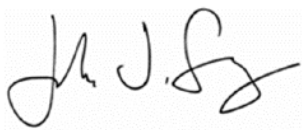
Ideally following passage of HB 0988, SafeRoadsMD and other advocates will be monitoring MDTA's commitment to safety in its progress toward installing multiple electronic speed enforcement devices along the roadway in Montgomery County. On behalf of the thousands of safe drivers as well as neighboring communities, we look forward to average speeds much closer to the ... 60 mph speed limit.

The data is clear: speed cameras work. The **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** incontrovertibly confirms that **properly implemented speed camera programs reduce crashes and fatalities by up to 54%** at monitored locations. When enforcement resources are stretched thin, automated technology fills the gap—delivering safety without pulling officers away from other critical duties.

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and members of the ENT Committee, thank you for your time and dedication to making Maryland's roads safer.

We urge the House Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a **favorable report on HB 0988** and move this critical legislation forward. The people of Maryland deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,



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