

Support for HB0349: Increasing Fines for Speeding on Indian Highway 210

I am writing to express my strong support for HB0349, the bill that aims to increase the fines for going over the speed limit on 210 (Piscataway) Indian Highway. I believe that stricter penalties are necessary to ensure the safety of all road users on this dangerous stretch of road.

On February 10, 2025, my sister and I were driving back from Sam's Club in Waldorf. As we traveled, we noticed a truck in the right-hand lane flying down the road at an alarming speed. We exchanged worried glances and shook our heads, aware of the potential danger. As we approached the intersection of 210 and Fort Washington Road, the traffic light turned red. To our horror, the truck sped through the red light without even attempting to slow down. In that terrifying moment, I could only thank God that no one was crossing the road as the light changed. I could vividly picture the devastating consequences of such reckless driving—cars flying through the air, lives shattered in an instant. At the speed the driver was going, it would have been impossible for anyone to survive a collision.

As a former defensive driving instructor, I understand the critical importance of adhering to speed limits. Every mile per hour over the limit not only extends the stopping distance but also significantly increases the likelihood of being involved in an accident. Reckless drivers who choose to disregard speed limits endanger not only their own lives but also the lives of everyone else on the road.

The incident I witnessed is a stark reminder of the urgent need for enhanced enforcement and increased fines to deter speeding on Indian Highway 210. By passing HB3039, we can take a crucial step toward making our roads safer for all. I urge you to support this bill and help protect our community from the dangers of reckless driving.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Monroe
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