

## **Written Testimony in Support of HB1173**

**To:** Chair Delegate Marc Korman, Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

**From:** Kavita Sehgal

**Date:** March 7, 2025

**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB1173

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kavita Sehgal, and I am writing in strong support of HB1173, a bill that would allow for automated speed enforcement on high-risk roadways where speed limits exceed 35 mph. This legislation is a crucial step toward improving road safety in our communities, particularly in areas like the Shady Grove Road corridor.

As a resident of Montgomery County, I have witnessed firsthand the dangers posed by excessive speeding on roads like Shady Grove. Despite existing safety measures, reckless driving remains a persistent issue, endangering pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike.

Automated speed enforcement has been proven to reduce speeding violations and prevent accidents, making our streets safer for everyone.

Research has shown that speed cameras effectively deter speeding and reduce crash rates. In states where similar measures have been implemented, there has been a **significant decrease in traffic-related injuries and fatalities**. Implementing automated speed enforcement on designated high-risk roads would be a proactive and data-driven approach to saving lives.

I strongly urge the committee to support HB1173 and move it forward for approval. This legislation aligns with Montgomery County's Vision Zero goals and will play a vital role in protecting our residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
**Kavita Sehgal**