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## **Re: Support for HB 349 - Prince George's County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 210**

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

The Town of Forest Heights respectfully submits this letter in strong support of House Bill 349, sponsored by Delegate Valderrama and The Prince George's County Delegation.

Maryland Route 210 is a vital thoroughfare in our community but has long been a corridor of concern due to high-speed violations that compromise safety. Over the years, numerous accidents, injuries, and fatalities have occurred on this stretch of highway, many of which could have been prevented by stricter enforcement and deterrents to reckless driving.

HB 349 proposes a tiered penalty structure that escalates with the severity of the speed violation. This approach not only serves as a strong deterrent to excessive speeding but also emphasizes the importance of maintaining safe driving practices. Additionally, by repealing the termination provision for the speed monitoring system, the bill ensures continued oversight and enforcement, which are critical to safeguarding the lives of residents and commuters.

For the Town of Forest Heights and other Prince George's County municipalities, this legislation represents a significant step toward enhancing road safety and protecting the well-being of our residents. The increased penalties and the permanence of speed monitoring systems will foster greater compliance with traffic laws and help mitigate the dangers posed by high-speed travel on Maryland Route 210.

We respectfully urge the Committee to give HB 349 a favorable report. Together, we can make Maryland Route 210 a safer road for everyone. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Troy Barrington Lilly  
Mayor, Town of Forest Heights