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Chairman Marc Korman

Environment and Transportation Committee

Testimony in Support of HB320: Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations in Wicomico County

Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee;

I am writing to ask for a favorable report for HB320. This legislation seeks to prohibit individuals from soliciting money or donations in roadways, median dividers, or intersections in Wicomico County.

This bill is essential for ensuring the safety of both pedestrians and motorists. Allowing individuals to stand in roadways or median dividers poses significant risks, including the potential for accidents and traffic disruptions. By enacting this prohibition, we can prevent potential injuries and fatalities, ensuring that our roads remain safe for everyone.

Furthermore, this legislation aligns with existing laws in other Maryland counties, such as Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Harford, and Washington counties, which have already implemented similar prohibitions. Establishing this consistency across the state will promote fairness and uniformity in our laws.

It is important to note that HB320 does not seek to ban solicitation altogether. Instead, it directs such activities to safer locations, such as sidewalks or designated areas away from traffic. This balanced approach allows for charitable activities to continue while prioritizing public safety.

I firmly believe that HB320 will make a positive impact on the safety and well-being of our community. I urge my colleagues in the Maryland General Assembly to support this bill and help make our roads safer for all residents of Wicomico County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Delegate Barry Beauchamp

