

Please Support HB0182

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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Honorable Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
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From:

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Dear Chair Korman and Vice Chair Boyce:

I'd like to express my support for House Bill 0182, which addresses the disparities in penalties for speed monitoring systems. This bill will improve the effectiveness of our speed enforcement systems.

My son Brett died while he was crossing the street to meet some friends for dinner. For the past five years I have been advocating for safer streets.



Speeding continues to be one of the major causes of traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities. In 2024 there were 557 fatalities on Maryland roadways, more must be done to move that number to 0. The “super-speeders” - repeat offenders who consistently drive far above the speed limit - cause a disproportionate number of traffic deaths each year. Increasing penalties for high-speed violations detected by automated speed monitoring systems will cause drivers to act more responsibly, and will keep our law-abiding drivers, pedestrians, bikers, and rollers safe.

Automated speed monitoring systems are proven effective to slowing down speeds and reducing traffic violations. Increased penalties will ensure that drivers will understand the consequences of endangering themselves and others through reckless speeding, and will reduce the number of traffic crashes and fatalities caused by these drivers.

I thank you and the Environment and Transportation Committee, and I urge you to submit a favorable recommendation for HB0182 to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

Mindy Badin