



Testimony of the Mayor and Council of Rockville
HB 343 – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and
Certificates of Violations
SUPPORT

Good afternoon, Chair Korman and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee. I am Rockville City Councilmember Marissa Valeri. On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I want to thank Delegate Stewart for sponsoring this important legislation.

The Mayor and Council and the Maryland Municipal League jointly support HB 343 as a 2025 priority. This legislation provides authorization for speed camera images to be reviewed, and citations signed off by a trained technician if they receive training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certificates of violation. Current law requires a sworn Police officer to sign off on speed camera violations.

HB 343 would provide several benefits for local police departments and the communities they serve:

- The legislation would enhance public safety by freeing up police officers to be deployed in the community and focused on proactive policing and crime prevention.
- In the current context of increased demand for Police services, our staff resources have been strained. HB 343 would help to relieve some of the administrative burdens placed on sworn officers.
- The legislation would standardize the process for automated traffic enforcement by using the same process that is authorized for the red-light camera program, which permits a trained technician to sign off on a violation.

HB 343 is smart public policy that would allow Police agencies to prioritize core public safety duties, advance transportation equity, and better protect the health and safety of the communities they serve. For these reasons, the City of Rockville urges the Committee to provide HB 343 with a favorable report. Thank you.