



AAA Mid-Atlantic's Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 963 Montgomery County - Highways - Maximum Speed Limits MC 1-25

Sponsors: Montgomery County Delegation

- AAA recognizes the importance of selecting appropriate and enforceable speed limits.
- When maximum speed limits are correctly set and applied, they mitigate collision severity and improve mobility, motorist safety, and respect for the law.
- While we recognize the dangers of speeding, we are not in favor of decreasing or increasing maximum speed limits on a highway without performing an engineering and traffic investigation.
- AAA urges states and jurisdictions to use engineering and traffic surveys when setting maximum speed limits and to adopt limits that will not have a significant adverse effect on highway safety.
- Traffic surveys should include, at a minimum: prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements; crash records; highway, traffic, vehicle, and roadside development characteristics; and the presence of vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists.
- AAA Mid-Atlantic remains committed to the safety of all road users and safe speeds on our roadways.
- Because this bill would lower speed limits without conducting an engineering or traffic study, we urge an **unfavorable report for HB 963**.

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