



SafeRoadsMD

Support HB 0644
“Vehicle Laws – Speed
Monitoring Systems –
Residential Districts”

MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.

URGES YOUR SUPPORT FOR HB 0644

February 19, 2025

TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
250 & 251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

FROM:

John Seng, Chair
SafeRoadsMD - Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.
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Re: Requesting A Favorable Review on HB 0644 to Promote Road Safety

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and House Environment and Transportation Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety to express our strong support for House Bill 0644, “Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Residential Districts,” a critical piece of legislation that will empower local jurisdictions to address the growing crisis of excessive speeding on Maryland’s roads.

As you know, speeding remains a leading cause of road crashes, injuries, and fatalities across Maryland. With law enforcement staffing declining and fewer road patrols available to deter reckless driving, more lives face lethal risk every day.

SafeRoadsMD represents stakeholders and residents across multiple Maryland counties who have long advocated for stronger local oversight in combatting dangerous speeding. We firmly believe in the use of speed camera systems and other technology to enhance road safety and reduce traffic-related tragedies. These bills provide a necessary and practical solution by allowing individual counties to determine where and how to implement speed cameras without requiring approval from other jurisdictions.

Currently, each county in Maryland must obtain a majority vote from delegates across the entire State to install speed cameras in their communities. This inefficient process hinders the ability of local governments to act swiftly in response to their specific road safety needs.


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HB 0644 introduces a common-sense approach by eliminating this outdated requirement. Under the proposed legislation, counties will have sole authority to decide whether to implement speed cameras within their jurisdictions, ensuring that local leaders who best understand their communities' traffic safety challenges can take immediate and appropriate action.

By supporting HB 0644, you will be endorsing a safer, more efficient approach to traffic enforcement, one that prioritizes local decision-making and public safety. We urge you to stand with us in protecting Maryland's road users and reducing preventable accidents caused by excessive speeding.

Please vote to submit a favorable response on HB 0644. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Seng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Seng" clearly distinguishable.

John J. Seng
Chair
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

cc: SafeRoadsMD Board; Peter Gray/BikeMaryland