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TO: Delegate Marc Korman, Chair, and Members, Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
Annapolis, MD

RE: **Support** for House Bill 1173 - Montgomery County – Speed Monitoring Systems –  
High-Risk Highways

Date: 7 March 2025

Dear Del. Korman and Committee Members,

My name is Jason Spriggs, member of the Derwood Neighborhood Community Alliance (DNCA). I am writing to express my **support** for HB1173, which would authorize the implementation of automated traffic enforcement systems along various high-hazard corridors across Montgomery County, particularly along Shady Grove Road in my community of Derwood.

This legislation addresses an urgent public safety concern in our community. The current conditions along many of the county's Vision Zero problem routes have led to numerous serious traffic incidents and pedestrian accidents. The proposed implementation of traffic enforcement cameras, along with appropriate signage and public notification requirements, would serve as an effective deterrent to speeding and reckless driving, significantly reducing the risk of accidents and saving lives.

As a resident who lives directly adjacent to, and frequently travels along Shady Grove Road, I have personally witnessed many dangerous incidents between vehicles and pedestrians, some of which were fatal. The current enforcement methods have not been sufficient to address the increasing volume of traffic and speeding violations in our growing community. The current law's structure restrains our County Council and Departments from making necessary safety improvements to such corridors. The automated enforcement systems proposed in HB1173 would provide a more consistent and effective approach to speed enforcement. This would allow the county to improve safety through technology-based solutions rather than being limited to costly, large-scale road construction projects that may be less urgent or feasible in the grand scale of the county budget.

I strongly urge the committee to vote in favor of HB1173. These automated enforcement measures are a necessary investment in our community's safety and well-being.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Jason Spriggs