

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1173. As a resident of Derwood, MD, I have personally witnessed excessive speeding, particularly on Shady Grove Rd. The intersection of Shady Grove Rd and my community is located on a downhill slope, which naturally causes drivers to increase their speed. There is a single-family house near this intersection, about 50 ft away from the road with trees and rocks sitting between the road and the house. One day on my way home, I saw a vehicle smashed into the house and the family of the house was standing outside the house and terrified. It is unimaginable how fast a car needs to be to go through rocks and trees to hit the house. Plus, there is a bus stop at the intersection, meaning that pedestrians are frequently present.

This bill has the potential to improve public safety by discouraging reckless driving and protecting pedestrians, homeowners, and other road users.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Lin