



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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Testimony in Support of HB0371

Bill Title: House of Delegates - Renaming

Position: Favorable

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to present HB0371, Prince George's County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Maryland Route 5 PG 308-25.

For years, Maryland Route 5 has been a dangerous corridor with a long history of excessive speeding, reckless driving, and, most tragically, preventable accidents. This stretch of road has seen far too many crashes, resulting in injuries, fatalities, and devastation for families in our community.¹ The data is precise: speed is a leading factor in these incidents, and the time to act is now.

The support for this legislation is overwhelming. Constituents from across Prince George's portion of District 27B have made their voices heard, calling for action to improve safety on Route 5. They have witnessed firsthand the dangers posed by speeding vehicles—whether as drivers, or residents living near this high-traffic corridor. Local leaders and concerned citizens have all echoed the same message: we need solutions.

Speed monitoring systems are a proven tool in reducing speeding and preventing crashes². Similar programs in other jurisdictions have led to measurable declines in traffic violations, safer roadways, and, most importantly, fewer injuries and fatalities. This bill not only enforces speed

¹ 7News Staff. "2 Treated for Minor Injuries After 6-vehicle Crash in Prince George's Co., Lanes Reopened." WJLA, 14 Sept. 2023, wjla.com/news/local/traffic-truck-crash-maryland-prince-georges-county-route-surratts-road-south-lanes-closed-six-vehicles-department-of-transportation-mdot-investigation-cleanup.

² McCahill, Chris. "Speed cameras lower speeds and prevent crashes, new research confirms." State Smart Transportation Initiative, 11 March 2024, <https://ssti.us/2024/03/11/speed-cameras-lower-speeds-and-prevent-crashes-new-research-confirms/>.

limits but also ensures that any revenue generated is reinvested into highway and pedestrian safety improvements along Route 5, creating long-term benefits for the entire community.

We cannot afford to wait for another tragedy. HB371 is a commonsense approach to making Maryland Route 5 safer for everyone who travels it.

With that, I urge a favorable report on HB0371, Thank you.