

HB 182, Support

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Because **HB 182** will help save lives in Maryland, I ask that you join all the safety-minded Marylanders in supporting this vital bill

We all want to feel safe on our roads and get home safely to our families, but this bill is especially important to Prince Georgians like me.

So far this year, Prince George's roads are more deadly than murderers. Our county has had 11 road fatalities so far this year and 4 murders.

Last year was just a little better: 93 people died on our roads while 99 were murdered.

Speeding is not just a Prince George's County problem - we need to focus on road safety state-wide.

Last year 557 people died on Maryland roads, just a little better than the grim record of 2023 when 621 people never returned home from Maryland roads.

This is a shame on Maryland and **MD 182** will help turn this horrible history around.

Experience from the MD 210 speed camera program has shown that accurate speed cameras are effective in slowing most drivers.

However, the current \$40 fine has not been effective in changing the behavior of drivers who drive for speed. As with HB 349, **HB 182** provides a tiered fine structure that progressively increases speed camera fines as speed increases. This targets the most egregious and dangerous drivers and should change their behavior.

HB 182 will save lives on all Maryland roads by reducing the risk of catastrophic crashes caused by people who drive at unconscionable speeds.

Please support life-saving legislation – HB 182.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information or if I can assist in any way