

Please Support HB1139

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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Honorable Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
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From:

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Dear Chair Korman and Vice Chair Boyce:

There is an epidemic of excessive speeding on our Maryland Roadways. For this reason I strongly support the passage of HB1139 "Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program - Establishment." I believe this bill is crucial for enhancing road safety, and I respectfully request that the House Environment and Transportation Committee submit a favorable response.

Having lost my son Brett as he was crossing the street to meet some friends for dinner, I have been advocating for safer streets for the past five years. I believe my experiences give me a personal perspective on roadway safety.



Speeding is one of the leading causes of traffic crashes in Maryland. In recent years, there has been a surge in the number of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities. The probability of death or serious injury grows with impacts at higher speeds - doubling for every 10 MPH over 50 MPH the vehicle is traveling.

Noah's Law requires those arrested for drunk driving to install Ignition Interlock Systems in their vehicles. By instituting the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program, we can take steps to limit the top speed of vehicles, curbing the dangerous behavior of excessive speeding. Use of this technology will prevent speeding and reduce the risk of serious crashes.

Police officers have told me that those stopped for excessive speeding typically have been stopped multiple times for the same offense. This is unacceptable. The Intelligent Speed Assistance Systems will help ensure public safety by causing drivers to travel within posted speed limits; it will be one more tool to ensure the safety of law-abiding Maryland citizens as they use our roadways for driving, biking, or walking. Approval will help to advance the goals of our Vision Zero programs.

I thank you and the Environment and Transportation Committee members, and I urge you to submit a favorable recommendation and support HB1139.

Sincerely,

Mindy Badin