



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Re: HB1032 regarding Stop Sign Monitoring Systems - Authorization (MC 4-25)

Dear Chair Korman,

As members of the District 20 Delegation, we are writing to express our strong support for HB1032, as amended. The bill's provisions, modeled after Prince George's County pilot program, would have allowed authorization of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Montgomery County. While we would prefer to see the bill passed in a way that we believe will benefit the entire County, if that is not possible, we request that the bill still enable the City of Takoma Park to engage in this pilot.

Takoma Park is self-governing city within Montgomery County and District 20. It is a population-dense home to more than 17,000 residents and seven public schools. Common constituent concerns for pedestrian safety and the safety of children and their parents in and around their schools are particularly acute in Takoma Park.

We see the importance of implementing these safety features on a larger scale, but knowing the barriers to passage for the bill as is, we support the narrowing of the bill language to Takoma Park only. We believe lessons learned from this pilot in Takoma Park can be useful for other jurisdictions in the state.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes to HB1032.

Sincerely,

Delegate Lorig Charkoudian

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Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins

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Delegate David Moon

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