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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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POSITION STATEMENT

PG 306-25 Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems
Prince George's County - Maryland Route 210
Delegation

POSITION:

SUPPORT

PG 306-25 is for the purpose of increasing civil penalties for violations captured by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County. This legislation introduces a tiered penalty structure based on the degree to which drivers exceed the maximum posted speed limit and imposes escalating fines for repeat offenses within a two-year period. By targeting excessive speeding and repeat violations, the bill seeks to enhance traffic safety on one of the county's most dangerous roadways, reducing the risk of accidents and saving lives.

The Prince George's County Council strongly supports the proposed legislation to enhance penalties for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway). This legislation directly addresses the ongoing concerns about excessive speeding on this heavily traveled roadway, which has posed significant risks to public safety. By establishing a tiered penalty structure based on the severity of speed violations and imposing additional penalties for repeat offenses within a two-year period, the bill sends a clear message about the importance of compliance with posted speed limits. These measures aim to deter dangerous driving behaviors, improve road safety, and protect residents and commuters.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS PG 306-25** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 6, 2025

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.

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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 371 – Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 5 (PG 308-25)

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 371 and offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

HB371 authorizes the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 5 (MD 5) in Prince George’s County, subject to placement and signage requirements. It requires revenue collected from violations to be used for State and local highway and pedestrian safety improvements on and in the vicinity of MD 5 in Prince George’s County. It also requires real-time display of a driver’s traveling speed for a speed monitoring system and generally relates to the use of speed monitoring systems on MD 5.

Maryland is committed to the goal of Vision Zero by 2030 – this requires MDOT to work with our local and state partners to implement smart solutions to help save lives. Speeding is a contributing factor in over one-third of all fatal crashes nationwide. In 2023 alone, speed was a factor in 7,705 of the crashes which occurred on Maryland roadways. Tragically, there were seven vulnerable road user (VRU) fatalities along MD 5 in Prince George’s County in 2023 and 2024. Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration demonstrates that the risk of death to a VRU is as high as 85% likelihood when a vehicle is traveling more than 40 mph. As such, obedience to posted speed limits is a critical factor in saving lives.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers speed safety cameras a proven safety countermeasure. FHWA reports that fixed unit speed safety cameras can reduce crashes on urban principal arterials by up to 54 percent. Further, research has shown that the estimated economic benefits of reduced crashes substantially exceed the total fines paid by violators. The use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland roadways is another resource local law enforcement has in their toolbox to reduce speeds, correct driver behavior, and ultimately create safer roadways for all.

The State Highway Administration notes that money collected on State highways, after paying for the cost to implement the program, would continue to be directed for highway safety purposes on or near where the violations occurred. This aligns with the goal of speed monitoring systems – improving Maryland’s roadways so that they are safe for all.

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The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee considers this information during its deliberation of House Bill 371.

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