

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

(301) 952-3700 County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

SB613\HB908

Montgomery County and Prince George's County
- Distracted Driving Monitoring System Pilot

Sens. Jackson and Waldstreicher

Program

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<u>POSITION:</u> <u>SUPPORT</u>

The Prince George's County Council respectfully submits its support for SB613/HB908, which establishes a pilot program authorizing the use of distracted driving monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George's County. This program is designed to enforce prohibitions on the use of certain devices while operating a vehicle, a growing public safety issue as distracted driving continues to be a significant factor in accidents and fatalities across the state. The legislation also requires participating counties to report on the program's effectiveness by December 1, 2027.

The Prince George's County Council believes that SB613/HB908 is a vital step in addressing the dangers of distracted driving. By leveraging technology to monitor and enforce these laws, the program has the potential to reduce accidents, improve road safety, and encourage compliance with traffic laws. The required reporting will generate valuable data to assess the effectiveness of the pilot program, enabling informed decisions about its future expansion or modification.

This initiative aligns with the County's ongoing efforts to protect residents, reduce traffic-related incidents, and promote responsible driving behavior. The Council strongly urges the State to pass this legislation as a critical tool for advancing road safety across Maryland.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS SB613/HB908** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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