

**TESTIMONIAL SUPPORT FOR**

**HB-485**

Dear Senators,

The definition of the term, “**Criminal Negligence**” states; **An action, or non-action, that shows disregard for the safety of others, even when the risk is made plain.**

The residents of the 14 mile span of Indian Head Highway have suffered **95** traffic fatalities in the last **17** years.

Since 2018 this highway received its first speed camera growing to the current six in the year 2024, with a new speed camera contractor, ( **Jenoptik**), and state-of-the-art cameras as well.

The first month of operation (August of 2024), 16,879 citations were issued for a 31 day period between 5 of the six operating cameras. The five month speed camera operating year 2024 ended with 47,120 citations issued, more citations issued in 4 of these 5 months, than the entire 12 month year of 2023.

There were **1,173** repeat offenders cited with **906** having **5** or more citations, with a grand total of all combined categories of repeat offenders totaling **40,618** citations.

Each month, each of the 6 speed cameras captured speeding individuals going 100 MPH or more with the exception of one camera where the high speed was 96 mph.

We experienced for the first time capturing an individual speeding on our 55 mph highway going **190 mph!**

From Governor Moore’s office, the Work Zone Citation Tier Level Bill passed last year with flying colors, because of the horrible accident that killed six individuals in the work Zone.

This makes our third year seeking to pass the same principled model of this same bill structure, were our community has lost **17 individuals in this three year period!!!**

**Why is there a distinction?????**

We've been told decisions in the General Assembly are data driven.

To not pass **SB-485**, would not just make this rule a fallacy; **IT WOULD BE CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT!!!**

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