

Testimony to Maryland General Assembly SB 613 Distracted Driving Monitoring System Pilot Program - Support

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RE: Support of SB 613 Distracted Driving Monitoring System Pilot Program - Prince George's County

I am Tolores Holmes an active member of the Tantallon Square Area Civic Association speaking for myself in support of SB 613. Distracted driving is a major contributor to multiple accidents on Route 210. Many of my community members, neighbors, friends and my family members have been injured and killed on Route 210 also known as the "Highway of Death". Road safety depends on users following the rules of the road to provide a predictable environment for all users. While most people drive responsibly on MD 210, there is a significant number of distracted drivers. I have been a resident of Fort Washington, Maryland for more than 30 years and have witnessed an increase in distracted driving. It's unbelievable to observe drivers that are talking, texting, watching movies and doing various other activities while driving! Distracted driving also contributes to speeding, which on 210 vehicles have been clocked at over 168 miles per hour. As a result, MD 210 continues to be one of the deadliest roads in Prince George's County and Maryland. Distracted drivers inject chaos into our road environment and make our travel much riskier. The SB 613 Pilot Program will reduce accidents, increase road safety awareness, ensure compliance with existing traffic laws and most importantly save lives. I urge you to support the approval of SB 613. Thank you for your consideration.

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