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**BILL:** SB 520 - **SPONSOR:** Senator Charles  
**TITLE:** Motor Vehicles –Speed Monitoring Systems- Safety  
Corridors  
**POSITION:** Favorable  
**COMMITTEE:** Judicial Proceedings

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Judith Allen-Leventhal, and I live in Maryland Legislative District 26. I support SB 520 with amendment of the set civil penalty restriction amount of \$40 to be aligned with a tiered fine structure reflecting increased speeds.

I am the Chair of the Roadway Advocacy Committee for South County (RACS), an ad hoc committee of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association. Very briefly, RACS was established at the urging of residents and concerned citizen activists during the pandemic who advocated for improved conditions of roadways in our area of southern Prince George’s County. That SB 520 authorizes the State Highway Administration to implement speed cameras in designated safety corridors highlighting the need for these safeguards in areas of high-risk for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users is long overdue, desperately needed legislation. The fee structure should be modified to reflect level of speeds; rather than one set \$40 fee, the fee should align with increased speed as outlined in other legislation to reflect the seriousness of the speeding violation. Specifically, I quote SB 211 “**(I) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 12 AND 15, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$40; (II) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 16 AND 19, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$55; (III) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 20 AND 29, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$95; (IV) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY BETWEEN 30 AND 39, INCLUSIVE, MILES PER HOUR, \$180; AND (V) IF THE CITATION ALLEGES THAT THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT BY 40 MILES PER HOUR OR MORE, \$350 “**

SB 520 positively addresses the need for improved pedestrian and cyclist safety; encourages safer driving behavior, and provides funding dedicated to improved roadway safety.

I urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB 520 with the amendment described.

Respectfully submitted,  
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