

SB 520, Support with amendment

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I support SB 520 which will reduce excessive speed and enhance safety by expanding the use of automated enforcement beyond traditional work zones.

SB 520:

- Addresses Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety:
 - By targeting high-risk corridors, the bill aims to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, which have been rising statewide.
- Encourages Safer Driving Behavior:
 - Research indicates that automated enforcement reduces speeding and crash rates in areas where cameras are deployed.
- Funds Road Safety Improvements:
 - Unlike general revenue-generating traffic enforcement, funds will be earmarked for safety enhancements on Maryland roadways.

[ZeroDeathsMD](#) reports 555 Maryland road fatalities in 2024 including 142 pedestrians. This is an unconscionable tragedy.

Automated enforcement on MD 210 has proven very effective in reducing speed in non-work zones. Reducing speed results in fewer and less severe crashes and will save lives. SB 520 will do the same for other Maryland roads.

I recommend that this bill be amended to align with the tiered fine structure of Senator Waldstreicher's SB 118, attached.

I sincerely hope you will support life-saving legislation - SB 520.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information or if I can assist in any way.