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Pikesville Township Association strongly supports the provisions of Senate Bill 530 which authorizes the use of speed monitoring systems in residential districts, extending their application statewide.

Traffic safety continues to be a growing concern that is, unfortunately, largely unaddressed in a proactive manner. Residential districts are home to families, children, and pedestrians, making it critical that speed limits are adhered to in order to prevent accidents. Speed monitoring systems can significantly enhance enforcement, serving as a deterrent to speeding and encouraging drivers to respect posted speed limits.

In addition, the use of these systems can assist underfunded and understaffed law enforcement agencies by providing consistent monitoring and reducing the need for manual speed checks. The days of Officer Smith sitting on the side of the road with a radar gun are well behind us. We must embrace efficient and effective alternative solutions that curb excessive speeding. We believe that this provision allows for one such alternative solution.

By expanding the ability to use speed monitoring systems statewide, we can create safer living environments for all residents, especially in neighborhoods that are vulnerable to high-speed traffic. We respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 530. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and our community looks forward to seeing further efforts to improve traffic safety on all roads.

Thank you,
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