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Dear Senate Judicial Proceedings / Judiciary Committee

On behalf of the University Park Town Council, I am writing to express our strong support for SB868, legislation that would require the State Highway Administration to expand the scope of the Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

The current Pedestrian Safety Action Plan for Maryland Route 410 (East–West Highway) addresses the corridor from Riggs Road to Queens Chapel Road. While this effort is an important step forward, SB868 appropriately extends the study area eastward from Queens Chapel Road to Baltimore Avenue (U.S. 1). This additional segment is a critical portion of the corridor and directly affects residents, pedestrians, students, transit users, and local businesses in the surrounding communities.

This section of the East-West Highway corridor presents documented safety concerns. These multilane arterial carries heavy regional traffic and complex turning movements that create elevated risk for pedestrians and other vulnerable roadway users.

Expanding the scope of the project to include the public rights-of-way along East–West Highway from the intersection at Queens Chapel Road through Baltimore Avenue will ensure a comprehensive and equitable review of pedestrian safety conditions. The eastern segment experiences significant foot traffic and presents safety challenges that deserve the same level of analysis, planning, and potential improvements as the currently studied section.

By supporting SB868, you are helping to advance a safer, more accessible transportation network and demonstrating a commitment to protecting the well-being of your constituents. A complete corridor approach is essential to meaningfully reduce pedestrian injuries, improve walkability, and strengthen connectivity across the communities served by MD 410.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important expansion of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. I respectfully urge your support for SB868.

Best Regards,

Laurie Morrissey
Mayor