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The Honorable Barry Beauchamp
Maryland House of Delegates
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Dear Delegate Beauchamp,

As County Executive of Wicomico County, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 591, the “Wicomico County – Highway Pedestrian Safety Act.”

This legislation provides Wicomico County and its municipalities with a practical and safety-focused tool to address roadway locations that have been identified as inherently dangerous. By prohibiting individuals from standing in roadways, shoulders, medians, or intersections deemed unsafe—and by requiring appropriate traffic control signage before any citation may be issued—HB 591 strikes an important balance between proactive public safety and fair notice to the public.

Our county continues to prioritize reducing preventable traffic incidents and enhancing pedestrian and motorist safety alike. Certain high-traffic corridors and intersections present visibility challenges, speed concerns, and infrastructure limitations that create significant risk when individuals occupy travel lanes or medians. This bill allows local authorities to address those conditions responsibly, while ensuring enforcement is transparent and clearly communicated through proper signage in accordance with State standards.

HB 591 reflects a thoughtful, locally driven solution to a real safety concern in our community. I appreciate your leadership on this matter and respectfully urge favorable consideration of this important legislation.

Thank you for your service to our residents and for your commitment to public safety in Wicomico County.

Respectfully,

Julie Giordano
Wicomico County Executive

