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Honorable Marc Korman  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Request for Favorable Report HB0601, Montgomery County - Stop Sign Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Gaithersburg and Rockville MC 5-26

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

I urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB0333. I am providing this testimony in my personal capacity as a Gaithersburg resident. Although I am a member of the Gaithersburg City Transportation Committee, the opinions expressed herein do not reflect the opinions of other Central members; they are mine alone.

This local bill passed the Montgomery County House Delegation. The bill would provide Rockville and Gaithersburg with the option to deploy stop sign cameras in school zones. Automated enforcement tools will enable those cities to mitigate risky driving behavior, reduce crashes, and protect students as they travel between school and home.

Traffic fatalities in Maryland dropped by 18% (from 582 to 480), the lowest number in a decade, after years of increasing traffic deaths. Although that is great news, more needs to be done to reach the goal of no traffic deaths or serious injuries by 2030. HB033 is a commonsense bill that authorizes Rockville and Gaithersburg to use automated stop sign cameras in school zones to reduce student pedestrian accidents.

I want to thank the Montgomery County Delegation for their leadership on this issue and urge the Committee to favorably report HB0601.



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