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**Testimony:** HB1086 - Montgomery County - Crosswalk Monitoring Systems - Authorization  
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**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Hearing Date:** March 12, 2026

**Position:** Favorable

Good afternoon, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill today.

In 2024, crashes involving pedestrians accounted for roughly a quarter of all traffic deaths in the state. 15 of them took place in Montgomery County.

HB1086 aims to combat this roadway safety issue and protect Maryland pedestrians by authorizing a pilot program for crosswalk monitoring systems in Montgomery County.

The monitoring systems will capture the license plate of any driver that fails to come to a stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian who is entering, attempting to enter or already is in a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians will be pixelized and completely unidentifiable in captured images.

For the pilot program, a maximum of 30 locations will be approved by the governing body of local jurisdiction, by the County Council for locations on the state highway, or identified using the county's existing methodology for determining where to implement automatic traffic enforcement measures.

The County will prioritize the placement of this technology within municipalities with high violation rates. Locations will be published in signage within a proximate distance to the crosswalk monitoring system, in notices placed on the County website, and in a newspaper of general circulation.

The fines collected from violations will be used to improve safety at crosswalks with monitoring systems by implementing safety infrastructure such as hawk signals, beacons, raised crosswalks, pylons, and pedestrian push-button systems.

The Montgomery County Delegation has approved the bill with amendments.

HB1086 is an important step to keeping Maryland pedestrians safe. I urge a favorable report, and I am happy to answer any questions.