

# Please Support HB 107

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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Honorable Delegate Michele Guyton, Vice Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
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From:

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Dear Chair Korman and Vice Chair Guyton:

The Olney Concert Band (OCB) would like to express its support of HB107, legislation to advance the use of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology on Maryland roadways.

The Olney Concert Band is a community-based ensemble whose members come from across Montgomery County and surrounding areas. Many of our musicians live outside of Montgomery County and drive up to an hour each way to attend weekly rehearsals in Olney. In addition, our concerts and community performances occasionally require travel to venues several hours away. As a result, our members spend a significant amount of time driving throughout Maryland. There are many community bands throughout the state, and in addition to musicians, family and community members also travel to enjoy their concerts.

Our members consistently witness unsafe speeding behavior. Excessive speed endangers not only drivers, but also passengers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. For those traveling long distances after rehearsals or performances, speeding drivers create real safety concerns. These risks are a regular part of our members' driving experiences.

Intelligent Speed Assistance offers a practical approach to improving road safety. By causing repeat speeding motorists to stay within the posted speed limits, ISA technology can reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities. For community members like ours, who depend on safe roads to participate in cultural and civic life, this technology represents a meaningful step toward preventing tragedies before they occur.

The Olney Concert Band believes that supporting safer roadways supports stronger communities. We request a favorable report on HB107 to help make Maryland's roads safer for everyone—whether they are commuting to work, attending school, or traveling to share music with their community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Emery, President  
Olney Concert Band