



**AAA Mid-Atlantic's Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 256  
Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Safety Corridors  
(Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)**

***Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
(By Request - Departmental - Transportation)***

- AAA Mid-Atlantic supports HB 256, the [Vulnerable Road Users Protection Act of 2026](#).
- Maryland Governor Wes Moore [announced last week](#) that more than 480 people were killed on Maryland roadways in 2025.
- One hundred and sixteen of those fatalities involved pedestrians or bicyclists, a significant (33%) decline from 2024, but still far too many deaths.
- Permitting speed monitoring systems in designated safety corridors is a critical step toward continuing this downward trend.
- AAA has supported Maryland's automated speed enforcement efforts for more than two decades, working with the legislature in 2005 to launch the state's first pilot program in residential areas and school zones in Montgomery County.
- We believe automated enforcement, when used as part of a comprehensive traffic safety strategy - including data, plays a vital role in improving safety and influencing driver behavior.
- By authorizing the State Highway Administration (SHA) and approved localities to deploy speed monitoring systems in designated safety corridors, this bill allows enforcement resources to be focused on areas with the highest risk to pedestrians and cyclists.
- HB 256 uses automated enforcement as a driven approach to prevent crashes before they occur. The Federal Highway Administration [reports](#) that fixed camera systems can reduce crashes on arterial corridors by up to 54 percent.
- This legislation will hold drivers accountable for dangerous speeding in critical corridors, helping make Maryland's roadways safer for all users—especially those most vulnerable.
- For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to give **HB 256 a favorable report**.

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