

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
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
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From:

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Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) and the residents it represents, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 107, which advances the use of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology to improve roadway safety in Maryland.

The State of Maryland is filled with communities just like Olney - communities which include residential streets, school zones, parks, and commercial corridors, all which are used daily by pedestrians, bicyclists, rollers, and drivers. Excessive vehicle speed threatens the safety of all of these road users and undermines the quality of life in our communities and neighborhoods.

As Chair of the Transportation Committee of GOCA, I regularly hear from residents who are concerned about reckless driving and speeding on our streets. Reduced speed limits, plus automated and traditional speed enforcement, are not always sufficient to change the habits of excessive speeders. 2025 data show that 93 of the lives lost on our Maryland roadways are attributed to speeding. Nationally, 75% of those who have had their licenses suspended for excessive speeding continue to drive recklessly, endangering themselves and others.

A small, high-risk group of repeat speeding offenders are disproportionately responsible for the fatal crashes on our roadways. House Bill 107 offers a smart, evidence-based approach to address this issue, and aligns with Maryland's Vision Zero goals. Intelligent

Speed Assistance technology causes drivers to comply with posted speed limits, supporting safer driving behavior and reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes.

For communities all across Maryland, the benefits of ISA are clear: safer streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, rollers, and motorists. House Bill 107 represents a proactive step toward preventing injuries and fatalities rather than reacting to them after the fact.

The Greater Olney Civic Association strongly supports House Bill 107 and respectfully requests a favorable report. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to improving transportation safety for all Marylanders.

Sincerely,
Mindy Badin
Transportation Chair
Greater Olney Civic Association