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**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1086**

“1086 – Montgomery County – Crosswalk  
Monitoring Systems – Authorization”

## **MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC. URGES MD HOUSE ENT COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR HB 1086**

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TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Honorable Delegate Michele Guyton, Vice Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FROM:

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Pedestrian Master Plan, Montgomery Planning, Montgomery County, MD

Re: Please Support HB 1086 – Montgomery County – Crosswalk Monitoring Systems – Authorization

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of SafeRoadsMD – the Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1086, which authorizes the use of crosswalk monitoring systems in school zones in Montgomery County.

Maryland law already requires drivers to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. Yet across the State—and especially near schools—*drivers routinely ignore this obligation*. Parents, teachers, and crossing guards see it every day: vehicles that fail to stop even when children are clearly in the crosswalk.

The result is predictable and tragic. Pedestrians remain among the most vulnerable users of Maryland roadways. When a driver fails to yield, the pedestrian has no protection.

HB 1086 offers a practical tool to improve compliance with a law that already exists. Crosswalk monitoring systems simply document violations when drivers fail to stop for pedestrians legally crossing the roadway. The system creates a modest civil penalty—no points and no insurance consequences—but it sends a clear signal that failure to yield at crosswalks will no longer be ignored.

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Importantly, this bill includes strong safeguards. Deployment must be authorized by local law, preceded by public notice and hearings, and clearly marked with signage. In addition, contractors operating the system may not be compensated on a per-ticket basis, ensuring enforcement is focused on safety rather than revenue.

The focus on school zones is particularly important. Children walking to and from school deserve a predictable and safe environment when crossing the street. HB 1086 provides Montgomery County with the ability to reinforce that expectation.

Finally, the bill includes a five-year sunset and evaluation requirement, ensuring that the General Assembly will receive detailed data on whether the systems reduce violations, crashes, and pedestrian injuries.

SafeRoadsMD believes this pilot program can help restore respect for crosswalks as places where pedestrians—especially children—have the clear and protected right of way.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to give HB 1086 a favorable report.

Thank you for your leadership on roadway safety and for your consideration of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Seng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John J. Seng  
Chair  
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

cc: SafeRoadsMD Board