

Please Support House Bill 421
Prince George's County – Point-to-Point Speed Monitoring Systems
– Maryland Route 210
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To:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Honorable Delegate Michele Guyton, Vice Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
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Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 421, which would authorize the use of point-to-point speed monitoring systems along Maryland Route 210. This legislation is desperately needed to address the deadly speeding problem on one of the most dangerous roads in our state.

Maryland Route 210 is known as “The Highway of Death” for a reason. There have been nearly 100 fatalities on this roadway since 2007. These deaths are not just statistics—they represent our neighbors, our family members, our friends.

It is discouraging that despite enforcement efforts, speeding continues to be a major factor in crashes along this corridor. Just very recently, these crashes were in the news: (1) On Sunday, March 8, 2026, a serious multi-vehicle crash involving a teenager occurred on northbound Maryland Route 210 at Audrey Lane in Prince George's County. (2) On Monday, March 9, 2026, a serious crash occurred on Maryland Route 210 in Waldorf, resulting in a child and two adults being transported to trauma centers.

We cannot normalize and become numb to this situation. How many more severe crashes need to happen before something critical is done?

We have technology to address this challenge: Point-to-point speed monitoring systems. Unlike traditional speed cameras, point-to-point systems measure a driver's average speed between two locations. This encourages drivers to maintain safe speeds throughout an entire stretch of roadway rather than slowing briefly for a single camera. These point-to-point systems can significantly reduce the risk of severe collisions and save lives.

House Bill 421, if passed into law, will address an ongoing safety crisis. The continued loss of life on Route 210 demands action. Implementing point-to-point speed monitoring will help change driver behavior, protect residents and commuters, and ensure everyone arrives at their destinations safely.

We have a chance to eliminate the Route 210 nickname "Highway of Death". I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 421.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your commitment to roadway safety.

Sincerely,
Mindy Badin