

**Please Support SB 487 - Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring
Systems - Safety Corridors
(Vulnerable Road User Protection Act of 2026)**

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To:

Honorable Senator William C. Smith Jr., Chair
Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland General Assembly
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From:

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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

In January of 2020, my son Brett was killed while crossing the street. He was doing what so many people routinely do every day; now my family is forever changed and my broken heart will never be healed.

The road where Brett was killed is part of a High Injury Network - a roadway where a disproportionate number of serious crashes occur, and pedestrians and bicyclists are at a heightened risk. Speed is one of the most significant factors in both the likelihood and severity of crashes; even small increases in speed dramatically raise the risk of death or serious injury. Speed cameras are a proven tool to address the speeding problem. Drivers respond to speed cameras by lowering their speeds, resulting in fewer crashes and fewer deaths.

Under current law, many of the roads most in need of speed enforcement are ineligible for speed cameras, despite safety concerns. Senate Bill 487 would correct this gap by authorizing the State Highway Administration and local jurisdictions to use speed monitoring systems to create safety corridors. This bill takes a proactive approach to improve safety for vulnerable road users, and holds motorists accountable for reckless driving and speeding.

Senate Bill 487 will save lives by preventing crashes, and it will spare other families from the pain my family lives with every day. Please give SHA and local governments the ability to slow traffic on the most dangerous roads before more lives are lost.

I urge the committee to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 487. This legislation will prevent injuries, save lives, and make Maryland's streets safer for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mindy Badin