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**Sponsor Testimony**

**SENATE BILL 152 Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) –  
Point-to-Point Speed Monitoring**

**Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:**

For the record, my name is Senator C. Anthony Muse, and I represent District 26 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 152.

Senate Bill 152 authorizes the **limited and carefully regulated use of point-to-point speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210, also known as Indian Head Highway, in Prince George's County**. The bill is designed to address persistent and well-documented safety concerns along one of the most dangerous corridors in our region.

Indian Head Highway has long experienced excessive speeding, serious crashes, and tragic loss of life. Traditional enforcement alone has not been sufficient to change driver behavior along this roadway. SB 152 provides an evidence-based, safety-focused tool to help save lives.

This legislation allows Prince George's County to deploy an average-speed enforcement over defined roadway segments, rather than relying on single-point snapshots of speed. This approach promotes consistent, lawful driving behavior and discourages sudden braking or acceleration.

Importantly, SB 152 includes strong guardrails:

- Monitoring may occur only on Route 210 and only in high-risk locations identified through safety studies
- Each monitored segment must be between 1 and 10 miles
- Clear signage and public notice are required well in advance

- Real-time speed display devices must be present for drivers
- Citations may only be issued for vehicles traveling 12 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit
- The system cannot be used for general surveillance, immigration enforcement, or unrelated criminal investigations

This is a traffic safety measure—nothing more and nothing less.

SB 152 ensures transparency and accountability in both enforcement and funding.

- Any fines collected are not retained for general use
- Revenue is directed to the State Highway Administration and must be used solely to:
  - Study safety conditions on Route 210
  - Recommend infrastructure and engineering improvements
  - Implement safety solutions on the corridor

Additionally, the County is required to submit annual public reports to the General Assembly detailing citations issued, revenues collected, expenditures, speed changes, and crash data—including serious injuries and fatalities.

This structure ensures the program is safety-driven, not revenue-driven.

Every life lost on Indian Head Highway is one too many. Residents in Prince George's County deserve to travel on roads that are safe, predictable, and responsibly managed. Senate Bill 152 provides a measured, transparent, and proven approach to improving roadway safety while respecting due process and privacy.

This bill reflects a balanced approach—focused on prevention, accountability, and public safety.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to give Senate Bill 152 a favorable report. It is a step toward saving lives and making Maryland Route 210 safer for everyone who depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration.