



## TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judicial Proceedings

**DATE:** January 20, 2026

**POSITION:** Favorable

**BILL:** SB 45

The Maryland Municipal League supports SB 45, which would allow local governments statewide to place speed cameras in residential districts. This expanded authority enables this proven traffic safety device to be further deployed in areas with chronic reckless driving problems and vulnerable populations.

Numerous studies have shown that the presence of speed cameras reduces vehicular speed, overall accidents, and serious accidents. Currently, local governments are authorized to place speed cameras in residential districts in three counties, and the municipalities within, and in school zones statewide. Both residential areas and school zones are highly populated with vulnerable road users, primarily children.

One of the most frequent concerns our municipal leaders hear from their constituents is speeding in their community and speed cameras are one of the best tools to curb vehicular speeding. This bill provides the option for local governments to expand this already successful program to residential districts statewide. Not every municipality will use this tool, but having it as an option will allow each municipality to determine if it is the right choice for their community.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 45.

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*Roughly 10% of the State's lane miles are in municipalities, which make up less than 5% of the land area.*