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To: Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings

The members of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to give a favorable report to SB0487, the Vulnerable Road Users Protection Act of 2026. This bill would authorize the State Highway Administration to implement a program of safety corridor speed monitoring systems for use in areas determined to be of high risk to vulnerable road users; authorize a local jurisdiction to use speed monitoring systems in safety corridors under certain circumstances; etc. Blind and low-vision users are vulnerable road users protected by the Maryland White Cane Law and other statutes, and we support measures to increase pedestrian safety.

For this reason, we ask for a favorable report on HB0319. For questions, please contact me at President@nfbmd.org or at 443-426-4110.