



Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
and Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Senate Bill 487 – Vulnerable Road User Protection Act – Favorable

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for Greater Greater Washington, a nonprofit that works to advance sustainability and equity in housing, land use, and transportation throughout Greater Washington and beyond. **GGWash strongly supports Senate Bill 487, the Vulnerable Road User Protection Act.**

As written, this bill would authorize the State Highway Administration and local jurisdictions to use traffic cameras in designated high-risk areas for pedestrians and bicyclists. This will help prevent collisions before they occur, and crucially holds motorists accountable for their behavior.

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), over 570 people were killed on Maryland roads in 2024, a quarter of whom were walking or bicycling. [Speed is a key factor](#) in these crashes, whether you're in a car or outside of a car, and at higher speeds [the chance of serious or injury rises dramatically](#), especially for [seniors and children](#).

Allowing traffic cameras in the areas where we know crashes are more likely to happen will help save lives, and we urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Reed'.

Dan Reed
Maryland Policy Director

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