



March 23, 2026

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**Bill:** HB601 – Montgomery County - Stop Sign Monitoring Systems Pilot Program - Gaithersburg and Rockville

**Position:** Support

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

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, I write in support of Montgomery County – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems Pilot Program – Gaithersburg and Rockville.

HB 601 would authorize the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones within the City of Gaithersburg and the City of Rockville, as part of the existing State pilot program that currently applies in Prince George’s County, certain school zones in Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park, if authorized by local law. This legislation gives our community an important tool to address dangerous driver behavior at stop signs near schools and to protect children, families, and other vulnerable road users.

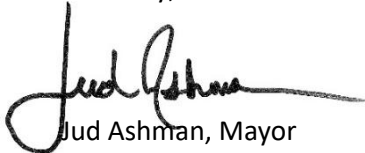
While we continue to invest in engineering, education, and traditional enforcement, there are locations where those strategies alone are not sufficient. Automated stop sign enforcement in clearly marked school zones, as required by state law through appropriate notice and signage, can effectively alter driver behavior, leading to reductions in traffic violations, crashes, and pedestrian injuries.

For Gaithersburg, HB 601 represents a practical, data-driven step toward our broader traffic safety and Vision Zero goals.

For these reasons, the City of Gaithersburg respectfully urges the Committee to support HB 601.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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