

To: Senator Brooks

From: Lucetta Rupkey, resident of Glen Arm, Maryland

I am submitting my written testimony in support of SB0045, Speed Monitoring Systems, sponsored by Senator Brooks. There is no community association in Glen Arm, so I am writing as a concerned citizen. I am not alone in my concern as there are multiple posts on Nextdoor (a social media platform) each week by community members complaining about speeders and tailgaters.

Most drivers I see in the morning and evening rush hour are drivers cutting thru Glen Arm from Belair and Harford County to Towson and Cockeysville. Their GPS is taking them this way because it is faster than 95 and the beltway. It is faster because there are very few redlights and drivers can speed as fast as they want to go. The volume of traffic in the area has increased drastically in the past 10 years. I live on Manor Rd – the speed limit is 35 MPH. I cannot pull out of my driveway if I see a car 600 ft away because they are going at least 55 MPH. The roads around here are twisty residential roads that were not designed for the speed or volume we are experiencing. The speeders seem to think these country roads are highways. I have been passed on a double yellow line on Manor Road quite a few times because I wasn't going fast enough on the road I live on. One day in 2023 there were 4 accidents within 5 miles of my house. There are routinely accidents, and I can't really enumerate all. My daughter lives in Baltimore City and hates driving in Glen Arm because of the tailgaters and belligerent drivers – she says that only happens occasionally in the city but is every drive occurrence here.

Speed cameras have been effective for traffic calming in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Speed cameras are the only way to solve the speeding problem in Glen Arm. Thanks for listening to my testimony. I would have come in person, but I have a broken arm and can't drive.

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