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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: House Bill 938: *Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties -
Crosswalk Monitoring Systems*
Support with Amendment

House Bill 938, *Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties - Crosswalk Monitoring Systems*, would authorize county and municipal governments in Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties to pilot crosswalk monitoring systems to help ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing the roadway in a crosswalk. For Montgomery County, municipal and County governments would be permitted to install crosswalk monitoring systems at no more than 30 locations. The system would provide video evidence of a motor vehicle driver who violates the law by not coming to a complete stop when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk, subjecting the registered vehicle owner to a civil citation and fine not exceeding \$65. The bill would take effect on July 1, 2026, and the pilot would sunset in five years.

Last year, in Montgomery County, 286 non-motorists (pedestrians, cyclists, and people using mobility devices) were struck in marked crosswalks with five fatally and 24 seriously injured. As a Vision Zero County and State, it is incumbent on us to use all the tools in the safety toolbox to prevent serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

I support this legislation. However, I request an amendment on page 11, line 22 to strike "Montgomery County Council" and substitute "the governing body of the local jurisdiction" to align the practices in Montgomery County with those in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties.

cc: Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee