

Please Support SB 366

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To:

Honorable Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland General Assembly
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From:

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

On behalf of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) and the residents it represents, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 366, which advances the use of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology to improve roadway safety in Maryland.

The State of Maryland is filled with communities just like Olney - communities which include residential streets, school zones, parks, and commercial corridors, all which are used daily by pedestrians, bicyclists, rollers, and drivers. Excessive vehicle speed threatens the safety of all of these road users and undermines the quality of life in our communities and neighborhoods.

As Chair of the Transportation Committee of GOCA, I regularly hear from residents who are concerned about reckless driving and speeding on our streets. Reduced speed limits, plus automated and traditional speed enforcement, are not always sufficient to change the habits of excessive speeders. 2025 data show that we have lost 92 lives on our Maryland roadways, almost 20%, are attributed to speeding. Nationally, 75% of those who have had their licenses suspended for excessive speeding continue to drive recklessly, endangering themselves and others.

A small, high-risk group of repeat speeding offenders are disproportionately responsible for the fatal crashes on our roadways. Senate Bill 366 offers a smart, evidence-based

approach to address this issue, and aligns with Maryland's Vision Zero goals. Intelligent Speed Assistance technology causes drivers to comply with posted speed limits, supporting safer driving behavior and reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes.

For communities all across Maryland, the benefits of ISA are clear: safer streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, rollers, and motorists. Senate Bill 366 represents a proactive step toward preventing injuries and fatalities rather than reacting to them after the fact.

The Greater Olney Civic Association strongly supports Senate Bill 366 and respectfully requests a favorable report. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to improving transportation safety for all Marylanders.

Sincerely,
Mindy Badin
Transportation Chair
Greater Olney Civic Association