

# Senate Bill 206.pdf

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As a member of the Route 210 Traffic Safety Committee and a resident of Fort Washington, Maryland, I support Senate Bill 206 Speed Monitoring Systems-Maryland Route 210-Penalties.

As a member of the Route 210 Traffic Safety Committee, I attend monthly meetings. A member of the local police department reports that drivers speed more than 100 miles per hour every month on Route 210.

Senate Bill 206 Speed Monitoring Systems-Maryland Route 210-Penalties would require the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances to suspend the registration of motor vehicles involved in multiple violations recorded by a speed monitoring system placed on Maryland Route 210.

I travel Route 210 to go from Fort Washington to Waldorf. Upon returning from a recent trip I saw a car smashed up going south near Swann Creek Road. One of these vehicles involved in the accident must have been speeding at a high rate of speed.

Something needs to be done to hold speeders accountable on Route 210.

Barbara Hufford

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# **SB 206 Prince George's County Speed Monitoring Sys**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Sponsor Testimony**

**SENATE BILL 206-Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210 – Penalties**

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 206.

Senate Bill 206 strengthens accountability for dangerous speeding behavior on Maryland Route 210, also known as Indian Head Highway, by authorizing—and in defined circumstances requiring—the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend vehicle registrations when repeated speed monitoring violations go unpaid or uncontested. This legislation builds upon existing speed enforcement laws to address chronic noncompliance on one of the most hazardous roadways in our region.

Indian Head Highway has experienced persistent problems with excessive speeding, serious crashes, and preventable loss of life. Speed monitoring systems are already authorized on this corridor, but SB 206 ensures that those systems carry meaningful consequences for repeat or high-dollar violators who ignore citations and evade responsibility. Without enforcement mechanisms that ensure compliance, civil penalties alone lose their deterrent effect.

This bill is carefully tailored and includes significant due process protections. Vehicle registration suspension may occur only after notice is provided and affected vehicle owners retain the right to request a hearing through established administrative procedures. Suspension is mandatory only in clearly defined cases involving repeated unpaid violations within a 90-day period or unpaid penalties totaling \$500 or more. Registration is promptly reinstated once all overdue penalties, fees, and costs are paid.

Importantly, SB 206 does not expand speed monitoring authority or lower enforcement thresholds. It applies only to violations recorded on Maryland Route 210 in Prince George's County and targets only those individuals who repeatedly fail to respond to lawful citations. This is not about punishment for first-time mistakes—it is about addressing sustained disregard for traffic laws that place the public at risk.

The bill also promotes transparency and legislative oversight by requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to report annually to the General Assembly on registration suspensions, reinstatements, geographic distribution, and related court outcomes. This reporting ensures accountability and allows the legislature to evaluate the effectiveness and fairness of the program.

Senate Bill 206 reflects a balanced approach—one that prioritizes public safety, reinforces compliance with existing law, and respects due process. By addressing chronic speeding violations on Indian Head Highway, this bill takes a necessary step toward protecting drivers, passengers, and the surrounding community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to give Senate Bill 206 a favorable report.

Thank you for your consideration

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**SafeRoadsMD**

**PLEASE SUPPORT SB0206  
“Prince George’s County –  
Speed Monitoring Systems –  
Maryland Route 210 –  
Penalties”**

**MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC.  
URGES Maryland SENATE Judicial Proceedings COMMITTEE  
SUPPORT SB 0206**

January 26, 2026

**TO:** Senator William C. Smith, Chair, Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair, and Bill Sponsor Senator Muse  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FROM:** John Becker, Board Member  
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**Re: Request for a Favorable Review of SB 0206 – Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 210 - Penalties**

As a member of **Safe Roads MD (Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.)**, a statewide coalition of families, advocates, and professionals committed to reducing traffic deaths, serious injuries and crashes, this request is submitted for a favorable review of Senate Bill 0206.

Respectfully,

John Becker  
Board Member  
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

**cc:** John Seng, Chair  
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety

# SafeRoadsMD Supports SB 206.pdf

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SafeRoadsMD

**PLEASE SUPPORT SB 206**

“Speed Monitoring Systems –  
Maryland Route 210 – Penalties”

## MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC. URGES MD SENATE JPR COMMITTEE SUPPORT FOR SB 206

January 26, 2026

TO:

Honorable Senator William C. Smith, Chair  
Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

FROM:

John Seng, Chair  
SafeRoadsMD - Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.  
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**Subject: Asking Your Support for SB 206 “Speed Monitoring Systems –  
Maryland Route 210 – Penalties”**

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

I am writing to urge the Committee to issue a **favorable report on SB 206**, and to do so with a clear-eyed understanding of why this bill is not only reasonable, but long overdue.

Frankly, it is frustrating that additional legislation is even necessary to compel a small but dangerous subset of drivers to **pay their speeding fines** on Maryland Route 210. Speed cameras are not suggestions. Citations are not optional. And road safety cannot stop at taking pictures and mailing envelopes while habitual speeders simply ignore them and keep driving. And like in 1973’s *American Graffiti*, filing the citations under “CS.” (Not funny anymore.)



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MD 210 is one of the most dangerous corridors in Maryland, as well as the United States. Everyone who uses it—drivers, passengers, pedestrians, nearby residents—knows that excessive speed and aggressive driving are daily facts of life. When drivers rack up citation after citation and refuse to pay or contest them, they are not confused; they are thumbing their noses at the law and at public safety.

**Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.**  
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**SB 206 seeks to neutralize the defiance of those who embrace MD 210 road violence.**

This bill strengthens enforcement by allowing—and in clearly defined cases requiring—the Motor Vehicle Administration to **suspend a vehicle’s registration when a driver repeatedly ignores speed-camera violations on MD 210.**

This is not a new standard invented out of thin air. Maryland already suspends registrations for chronic noncompliance in other contexts. SB 206 simply applies the same common-sense accountability to a corridor with a proven safety problem.

The bill is tightly focused and fair:

- It applies only to MD 210 in Prince George’s County.
- It involves no new cameras—just six existing speed monitoring systems.
- It targets only drivers traveling 12 mph or more over the speed limit.
- It preserves due process, including notice and the right to a hearing.
- Suspension is triggered only after repeated disregard: three overdue citations in 90 days or \$500 in unpaid fines.

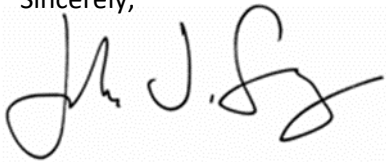
Members of the JPR, we’ve now arrived at the point: Drivers who commit road violence, who repeatedly endanger others, and who openly refuse to comply with the law **need to face real consequences.** Paying fines, slowing down, or losing the privilege to keep a vehicle registered is not draconian—it is the bare minimum required to protect the public.

SB 206 is not about revenue. It is about compliance. It is about sending a clear message that the State of Maryland will not tolerate chronic speeding combined with chronic disregard for the law—especially on a road where lives are routinely put at risk, if not lost.

SafeRoadsMD strongly urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 206 and move this bill forward. The families who live along MD 210, and everyone who travels it, deserve enforcement that actually works.

Thank you for your consideration and for your responsibility to public safety.

Sincerely,



John J. Seng  
Chair  
Maryland Coalition for Roadway Safety, Inc.

cc: Sen. Muse; Rev. Dr. R. Screen, R. Weiss - Route 210 Safety Committee; SafeRoadsMD Board

# **Vehicle Law1.pdf**

Uploaded by: Rev. Dr. Robert Screen

Position: FAV

## **Prince George's County- Speed Monitoring Systems-Maryland 210- Penalties**

### **Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**Hearing: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**SB-206 Position: Favorable**

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

My name is Rev. Dr. Robert L. Screen Sr., Founder/Facilitator of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee and Board Member of Safe Roads MD. I Submit this document as my official support for Legislative Bill SB- 206 for passage.

The Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 8:11 states: "When a sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong."

The author, King Solomon, lived 1,000 years before Jesus so we are talking about 3,000 years of known human behavior where people take advantage of loose accountability behind criminal activity.

From July 2024 up to and including October 2025, Indian Head Highway speed cameras has recorded 15,344 repeat offenders ranging from 2-4 citations to one individual with 215 citations.

The most damaging statistic along with these numbers is that, from last known reports, the payment rate for these citations is in the 46% range!

Most offenders are not paying their fines!!!

The salient points of SB-206 will require those with 3 or more citations in 90 days, and those who accrue \$500.00 of citations will be subject to have their registration suspended after proper notification; their car impounded if not followed through with payment, after notification.

SB-206 brings accountability to speed camera citations that at this point have been made a mockery to enforcement practices that govern our laws, our safety, and our civility.

Currently, I witness speed camera reports monthly that reveal six to nine thousand speed camera infractions each month. To know that an average of only 46% are paying their fines is not just disheartening; it's **CRIMINAL!!!**

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Screen Sr.

Founder/Facilitator MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee

# **In Support of SB 206 (Weiss Update).pdf**

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Position: FAV

## **In Support of SB 206**

### **Maryland General Assembly**

#### **Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

Senator Smith, Senator Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

I am Ron Weiss, a founding member of the Maryland 210 Traffic Safety Committee, and a SafeRoadsMD board member.

I support **SB 206**, sponsored by **Senator Muse**.

#### **Background and Urgency**

Maryland Route 210 is one of the most dangerous corridors in Prince George's County and in the state. Over 100,000 vehicles per day use 210. Residents who live along and near this highway have endured a long pattern of speed-related crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities. Automated speed enforcement has helped, but it has also revealed a serious gap in our current law.

A small number of vehicles continue to accumulate multiple speed-camera citations in a short period of time and simply ignore them. As a result, those vehicles remain on the road, and the behavior does not change.

Please refer to the Need for SB 206 at the end of my testimony.

#### **What SB 206 Does**

SB 206 strengthens existing law by adding a **time-certain, administrative consequence** for chronic noncompliance.

Specifically, it authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend a vehicle's registration when the registered owner has:

- **Three or more unpaid speed-camera citations within a 90-day period**, or
- **\$500 or more in unpaid civil penalties** from speed-camera citations issued on MD 210.

The bill includes clear due-process protections, including notice, the opportunity for a hearing through MVA, and straightforward reinstatement once the overdue penalties and a modest administrative fee are paid. It also requires annual reporting to ensure transparency and legislative oversight.

## **Addressing Fairness and Due Process**

A question often raised with automated speed enforcement is whether it is fair to hold a vehicle owner accountable when the owner was not the person driving at the time a citation was issued.

Maryland law already answers that question.

Speed-camera citations in Maryland are **civil and vehicle-based**, not criminal. Responsibility attaches to the registered owner because the owner is the only party with the legal authority to control who uses the vehicle. That framework has been in place for years and was reaffirmed by the General Assembly in 2020.

SB 206 does not punish someone without process, and it does not assign criminal guilt. It is a **safety and compliance measure**, applied only after repeated overdue violations and only after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

If the owner was not driving, that does not weaken the case for this bill. It strengthens it. The owner is the only person who can stop the pattern by restricting access to the vehicle, retraining drivers, or taking the vehicle off the road until compliance is achieved.

## **Why This Bill Is Needed**

Under current law, a vehicle can rack up repeated speed-camera violations in a short period of time, pay nothing, and continue using MD 210 with no meaningful intervention. Fines alone are not changing behavior for these chronic cases.

SB 206 closes that gap. It aligns speed-camera enforcement with how Maryland already enforces other civil, vehicle-based obligations such as tolls and parking violations. It is targeted, proportional, and narrowly focused on one high-risk corridor.

## **Conclusion**

SB 206 is not about punishment. It is about accountability, behavior change, and saving lives on one of Maryland's most dangerous roads.

I respectfully urge the Committee to give SB 206 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Weiss

## The Need for SB 206

The Problem: A small, but deadly, percentage of MD 210 drivers are not deterred by citations.

### Repeat Offenders

2 of every 3 citations are issued to repeat offenders

Citations Issued	Offenders
2 to 5	18,104
6 to 10	2,209
11 to 19	737
20 to 29	149
30 to 39	67
40 to 49	24
50 to 59	20
60 to 100	20
101 to 150	8
200+	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,339</b>

And many are not even paying the fines they incur.

Only 46% Paid

Year	Month	Paid	%	Total
2024	Jul	3,006	53%	5,642
	Aug	5,917	47%	12,516
	Sep	2,798	43%	6,532
	Oct	5,363	53%	10,144
	Nov	3,363	51%	6,600
	Dec	3,416	53%	6,479
2025	Jan	3,072	51%	6,034
	Feb	1,957	49%	4,004
	Mar	3,034	48	6,348
	Apr	3,258	48%	6,790
	May	2,486	39%	6,384
	Jun	997	17%	5,795
	Jul	0	0%	1,499
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>38,667</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>84,767</b>

### Why This Matters

Repeat offenders who ignore speed camera fines undermine the effectiveness of automated enforcement and continue to pose a threat to public safety. By making civil penalties enforceable through vehicle registration consequences—similar to how parking or toll violations are enforced—this bill ensures accountability without resorting to criminalization.

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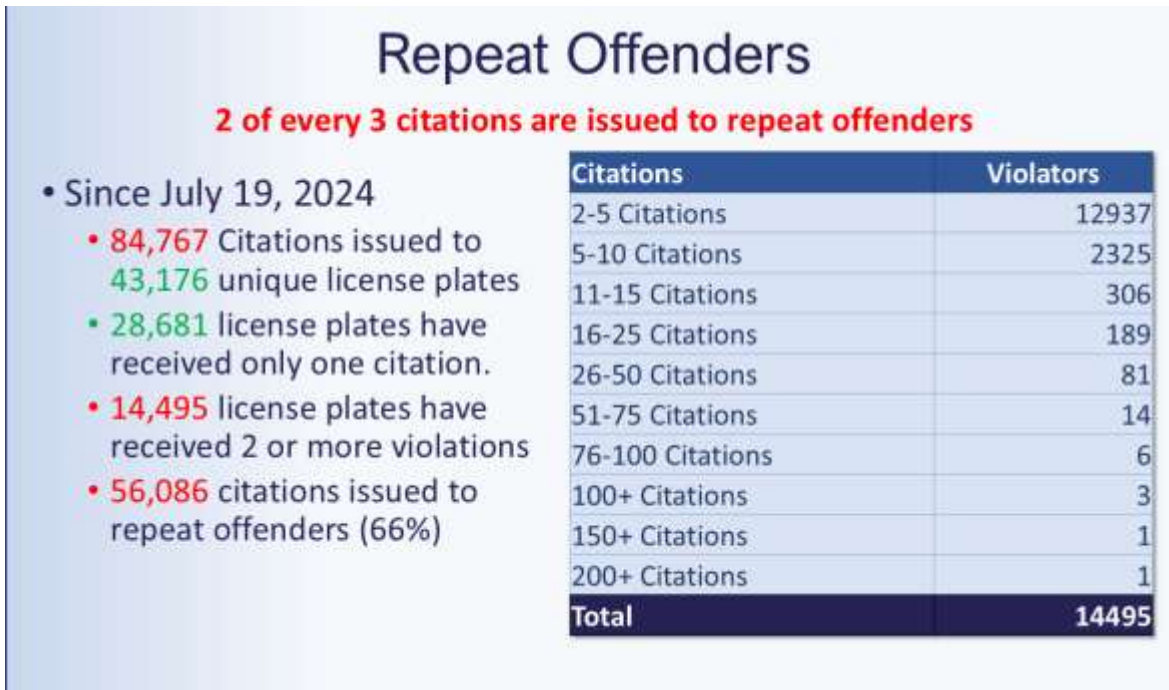
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And more than half are not even paying the fines they incur.

Month	Paid	%	Total
<b>2024</b>	<b>23863</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>47913</b>
Jul	3006	53%	5642
Aug	5917	47%	12516
Sep	2798	43%	6532
Oct	5363	53%	10144
Nov	3363	51%	6600
Dec	3416	53%	6479
<b>2025</b>	<b>14804</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>36854</b>
Jan	3072	51%	6034
Feb	1957	49%	4004
Mar	3034	48%	6348
Apr	3258	48%	6790
May	2486	39%	6384
Jun	997	17%	5795
Jul	0	0%	1499
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38667</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>84767</b>

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**SB-152\_SB Testimony.pdf**

Uploaded by: Sandra T Hall

Position: FAV

**Hearing Date: January 28, 2026**

**Position: Support of the SHA Amendment to SB 152 / HB 421**

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

I am a resident of the Fort Washington Tantallon area approaching twenty years this year. I am a board member of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee and the Tantallon Area Square Civic Association (TASCA).

I am in favor of SB-152. I support the State Highway Administration amendments to SB 152. The SHA Amendment provides necessary legal clarity while preserving the full safety intent of the bill.

Paragraph 4 clearly grants Prince George's County (county-wide) authority to test and deploy Point-to-Point speed monitoring technology along the 14 mile stretch of MD 210. That authority applies to all segments of MD 210 within the county, including unincorporated areas.

The State Highway Administration is important because it will:

- Reinforce standard Maryland statutory construction
- Preserve municipal rights without weakening countywide safety tools
- Prevent misinterpretation that could delay or undermine life-saving enforcement.
- Confirms that county authority is uninterrupted outside incorporated municipalities.

SB-152 needs to be urgently supported and passed due to the number of deaths, destruction of personal and county property as well as the cost it is causing the citizens in the Fort Washington area who have to travel Indian Head Highway (MD 210).

SB-152 addresses the elevated and needful Point-to-Point feature that can be used to monitor excessive speeding from one point to another point. The current camera setup, only addresses the speed up to and immediately after the vehicle has passed the camera(s). After that, the motorist speeds up excessively to make up the time lost by slowing down. It is doing this point where lives can be lost or severely incapacitated.

I am requesting your support for a five-year pilot program to determine the damage that is being done and the lives and property that could be saved. I am requesting that you support SB-152 because many lives are at stake, if you don't.

Thank you

Sandra T. Hall  
Board Member of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee  
Board Member of the Tantallon Area Square Civic Associate (TASCA)



# **SB 206 Tolores Holmes Written Testimony.pdf**

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Position: FAV

**Prince Georges County – Speed monitoring Systems- Maryland Route 210  
-Penalties**

**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**Hearing: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**SB 206 Position: Favorable**

My name is Tolores Holmes, member of the MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee and the Tantallon Square Area Civic Association. I submit this statement as my official **support for Legislative Bill SB-206 for passage.**

Maryland Route 210 has experienced disproportionately high rates of excessive speeding resulting in serious crashes and fatalities. I have been a resident of Fort Washington for over 30 years and have seen the increase in traffic accidents due to speeding. A close family member was seriously injured on Route 210 due to a vehicle that sped into his car while at a stop light. There is a long history of repeat offenders with unpaid citations that undermine the effectiveness of automated enforcement. I support SB 206 because this is not about collecting increased revenues, it is about **saving lives.** Unfortunately, repeat offenders treat Maryland Route 210 as the “Indianapolis 500 Raceway”. Speeds have been documented at more than 100 miles per hour daily! I should not have to risk my life to visit friends or shop in the community.

Driving is a privilege, not a right to endanger the community because of a “need to speed”. SB 206 regulates the conduct of reckless, dangerous drivers.

I support the passage of SB 206. I believe this is essential for the safety of all commuters who use Maryland Route 210 and to prevent motor vehicle fatalities.

Tolores Holmes

