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The Hon. Jim Rosapepe, Chair  
Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
James Senate Office Building, Room 314  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Jay Walker, Chair  
Prince George's County House Delegation  
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **Prince George's County Council's Position on General Assembly Legislation**

Dear Senator Rosapepe & Delegate Walker:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on pending proposed State legislation for the 2018 General Assembly Session. The Council met on January 23, 2018. The enclosed report reflects our position on General Assembly bills as they are currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to our citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3060. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Dannielle M. Glaros  
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, Prince George's County Executive

## **RULES & GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Prince George's County Council met on January 23, 2018 with the following Members present:

Council Member, Dannielle M. Glaros, Chair  
Council Member, Todd M. Turner, Vice Chair  
Council Member Mel Franklin  
Council Member Andrea C. Harrison  
Council Member Mary A. Lehman  
Council Member Deni Taveras  
Council Member Derrick L. Davis

The Council voted for the following positions on these respective bills:

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| <b>PG 302-18</b> | Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland 210 (Indian Head Highway) – <b>SUPPORT</b> |
| <b>PG 418-18</b> | Prince George's County – Vehicle Laws – Authority to Tow Abandoned Vehicles – <b>SUPPORT</b>            |



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## POSITION STATEMENT

### **PG 418-18**

Chairman Walker, on  
behalf of the County  
Executive

Prince George's County – Vehicle Laws – Authority  
to Tow Abandoned Vehicles

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**PG 418-18** - Prince George's County – Vehicle Laws – Authority to Tow Abandoned Vehicles – creates a provision for a new meaning of “police department” in Prince George's County for the purpose of towing abandoned vehicles. Under this legislation, a “police department” would mean any entity designated by the County Executive.

Abandoned vehicles at times are filled with trash and bulky waste, serving as an eyesore to many citizens in Prince George's County. They also present dangers. Abandoned vehicles tend to attract vandals, and are often used to perpetuate criminal activity that this government works hard to prevent. In addition, many abandoned vehicles are unregistered, having avoided standard vehicle maintenance and safety schedules, they often leak hazardous fluids, thereby posing an overall negative effect on the local environmental quality. Currently, there is a need to modify which entities have the authority to tow these abandoned vehicles to help address the problem.

This Council is in full support of this legislation because it would remove a barrier to addressing the abandoned vehicles problem in an efficient and effective manner. The members of this Council hear from constituents on this matter quite often, and recognize the need to work toward resolving the issue sooner rather than later. Therefore, we are in full support of this change to the current law, which would provide the County the flexibility to address a pressing issue.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council offers a position of **SUPPORT** on **PG 418-18** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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On behalf of Prince George's County Council



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## POSITION STATEMENT

**PG 302-18**  
Delegate  
Kris Valderrama

Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems  
– Md. Rte. 210 (Indian Head Highway)

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**PG 302-18** - Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Md. Rte. 210 (Indian Head Highway) – authorizes local jurisdictions in Prince George's County to activate a speed monitoring system on Maryland Route 210 – Indian Head Highway, in addition to that part of the highway located near the grounds of a building or property used by an institution of higher education, as formerly mandated. The bill also requires the local jurisdiction to ensure that any speed monitoring system established on Indian Head Highway is accompanied by signs that are in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the State Highway Administration and indicate that a speed monitoring system is in use. As currently written, this bill would not change the civil penalty established by the Section, which may not exceed \$40.

The traffic activity on Indian Head Highway requires a strategic approach in order to reduce speeding and traffic accidents. Data collected by Maryland State Police, Maryland State Highway Administration, and the Prince George's County Police Department (PGCPD) demonstrates the need to reduce the dangers posed by reckless driving on Indian Head Highway. According to the state agencies responsible for collecting and monitoring vehicle accident data, there were nearly 1500 accidents along MD Rte. 210 in the first 3 quarters of 2017; and, PGCPD reports that by the end of that year, there were seven fatalities, representing a 50-percent increase over 2016. These numbers display an urgent need for long overdue safety improvements along Indian Head Highway.

We applaud this legislative effort as being a very important step toward decreasing the speed of vehicles and ultimately reducing the amount of vehicle collisions on this roadway by increasing public awareness on traffic safety.

For the foregoing reasons the Prince George's County Council offers a strong position of **SUPPORT** on **PG 302-18** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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