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The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor, State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: US 301/ MD 405 Intersection Safety Improvements
Price, Maryland in Queen Anne's County

Dear Governor Moore:

There has been a 30 percent increase in traffic volumes on US 301. This surge, coupled with persistent excessive speeding, has created a severe public health, safety, and welfare hazard at the intersection of US 301 and MD 405, one that demands immediate attention and action. Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) closed the MD 405 Crossover of US 301 in July after two fatal crashes that occurred in three (3) days. This is the second closing of the crossover in 18 months due to the high number of serious and fatal crashes. SHA District 2 held a town hall meeting at the Price Community Center on October 20th to address community residents and receive constructive feedback concerning overdue safety improvements. The crash data provided by SHA was alarming, 66 crashes within 5 ½ years with 64 of these crashes occurring in daylight hours at the MD 405 westbound and US 301 southbound movement. Residents provided a variety of suggestions to SHA with an overwhelming theme for speed reduction techniques along US 301 where vehicle speeds routinely exceed 75 mph, which go unenforced.

We commend SHA, District 2, for reacting quickly and planning for long-term safety at this intersection. The State Highway Administration has implemented several interim enhancements and reopened the crossover on October 13, 2025. However, these are only short-term adjustments to assist with motorist awareness while SHA works towards a permanent solution. Construction of a new J-Turn and partially closing the MD 405 crossover is currently proposed as the long-term safety improvement to reduce serious and fatal accidents.

Unfortunately, it is estimated that it will take 3-5 years to design, engineer, permit and construct a new J-Turn at this location if the estimated \$3 million in funding becomes available. We are asking for your assistance with funding and advancing this essential safety improvement immediately.

We ask that all possible steps be taken to streamline and fast track the funding, permitting and approval process so construction can be initiated promptly before more lives are lost.

Excessive speed has also been identified as a major contributing factor to crashes in the US 301 corridor and specifically at this intersection. Increased and consistent law enforcement in this area would be a "quick fix" towards reducing speeds and improving safety. This section of US 301 would also benefit from the installation of a speed monitoring system as regulated by MD Code 21-809. We are in discussion with our local delegation about legislation to add this section of US 301 to the listed automated enforcement areas in the MD Code. We would appreciate your support for legislation to increase speed enforcement in this area to slow motorist and improve safety.

With the extraordinary help of you and with the determination and perseverance of your staff, we know that we can work together to address the needs of Maryland's rural communities. Thank you for any assistance you can provide for this critical State Highway safety project. If we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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