



Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

HEAVY DUTY RESCUE – FIRE – EMS SERVICES

6200 Suitland Road, Morningside, Maryland 20746

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PG 310-20: Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive, Delegate Charles

February 10, 2020

My name is Pete Mellits, a member of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department.

I come before you today to ask for your support of the above referenced Bill.

In a partnership with the Town, the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department is working proactively to encourage injury prevention along existing Suitland Road. This, in lieu of our Department being reactive to a future emergency incident. We highlight the following in our efforts with the Town to facilitate:

- Pedestrian safety / School crossing
- Pedestrian safety / Church crossing
- Pedestrian safety in general

There have been several near misses, that have been witnessed on multiple occasions.

The traffic volume along Suitland Road is substantial.

Suitland Road is a frequently travelled road to access Joint Base Andrews, from the District of Columbia, Suitland Parkway and the Suitland Federal Center.....a direct link.

Consistent speed enforcement, resulting in speeding reduction, enhances safety for all.

This includes pedestrian safety, as well as vehicular travel, to and from the Town's Center. There are an existing variety of uses with frontage along Suitland Road.

- School(s)
- Daycare
- Church(s)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 9619
- Retail Uses

Thank you.

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