

I am in support of this Bill - But it's not enough.

More needs to be done to address the widespread culture of dangerous driving that is 'business as usual' here.

This bill attempts to address a much larger pervasive problem; an astounding degree of recklessness on our roads.

Exhaust systems are modified to truly mimic the sound of gunshots - & these drivers don't drive speed limit - they accelerate through our streets at speeds that are unconscionable - they do it regularly and they do it with impunity.

The ban on gas-powered leaf blowers is pretty futile when cars sound louder than leaf blowers drive 80 mph down Conn Ave on any given day.

This poses unnecessary risk to other drivers, pedestrians, bikers - it poses enormous risk to our public servants- our children waiting for their school bus or walking to school witness this as a way of life.

These drivers brazenly do donuts in our parks - when I try to report it my calls get disconnected - no one there to even take my call

But it doesn't stop there - our quality of life is impacted when we are inside our homes- trying to sleep, trying to recover from major surgery, trying to take rest after chemo treatments, or when my child has covid for the 3rd time.

It impacts local businesses - I don't want to go to a restaurant on Friday night – I don't need the stress of being scared for my life when other cars are drag racing down Conn Ave. like what happened this past Friday night in Aspen Hill - I heard that from my bedroom.

We need to:

Target businesses that modify exhausts

Measure Disparities properly- by comparing those stopped and the driving population –not those stopped to Census data,”

We need to make more use of Traffic Safety Checkpoints

We need our Community Engagement Officers to readily ticket any car that recklessly drives and/or has a modified exhaust on school property.

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Marcus Jones was right - “This place has become more dangerous.”

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