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BILL NO.:   **SB 41**

TITLE: Baltimore County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems

SPONSOR: Senator Lam

COMMITTEE: Baltimore County Senate Delegation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 24, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 41 – Baltimore County - Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems. This enabling legislation will allow Baltimore County to use vehicle height monitoring systems to regulate truck traffic within the county. Currently, Baltimore City is the only jurisdiction enabled by the State in this manner.

For years, neighborhoods in southwestern and southeastern Baltimore County have dealt with high volumes of truck traffic on local roadways. Large trucks often travel on unauthorized roads to avoid tolls or to save time, and local communities suffer as a consequence. Technology offers an efficient mechanism to curb this practice, and Baltimore County needs enabling State legislation to install traffic cameras that will monitor streets for unauthorized truck traffic. This enabling legislation will allow the county to build out a program that fines violators for straying from authorized truck routes, significantly reducing illegal truck traffic in county neighborhoods and improving quality of life for affected residents.

As has been the case with previously passed enabling legislation, Baltimore County plans to use the passage of this bill as an opportunity to establish a robust stakeholder process inclusive of all involved parties, including commercial trucking interests. The county strives to implement an accountable and equitable system that addresses the issue of truck traffic volume in local communities.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests **FAVORABLE** report on SB 41. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.