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BILL NO.: **SB 870**

TITLE: **Drunk Driving Offenses – Ignition Interlock System Program**

SPONSOR: **Senator Waldstreicher**

COMMITTEE: **Judicial Proceedings**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **February 27, 2020**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 870 – Drunk Driving Offenses – Ignition Interlock System Program. This legislation would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to mandate that persons convicted or on probation for driving under the influence must use the ignition interlock system.

Ignition interlock systems—a breathalyzer installed in a car—prevent an individual who is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs from driving. According to the Maryland Highway Safety Plan’s 2018 statistics, one in three fatal crashes involved a drunk driver. Young drivers are at a particularly high risk. If implemented, SB 870 would lead to fewer impaired drivers on the road, and therefore fewer fatalities and injuries. Drunk driving destroys lives every day—this is a chance to prevent further tragedies.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 870. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.