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Testimony on HB 285 – Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting Environment & Transportation

Position: Favorable

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance supports HB 285.

Nationally, there are disparities by race and ethnicity in in death and injury due to motor vehicle accidents. Understanding the disparities can inform interventions that change policy, the environment, and individual behavior to more effectively mitigate motor-vehicle-related deaths and injuries. However, in Maryland, data on motor vehicle crashes often lacks the race or ethnicity of the people involved. A workgroup to study better data collection could lead to fewer deaths and injuries.

We encourage a favorable report.

unbalanced system that forces people to drive even if they would prefer an alternative. Please support Rep. Garcia's resolution for an equal distribution of transportation spending that will help fund the transportation system we need for the future, not the one we built in the past. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Gamble Chair

Cc: Brian O'Malley, President & CEO