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SB 501

Towing or Removal of Vehicles From Parking Lots Placement of Signs – Regional Malls

Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present SB 501, Towing or Removal of Vehicles From Parking Lots - Placement of Signs — Regional Malls to you. This bill was brought to me by the several of the regional malls in Anne Arundel County. Current law requires one (1) sign to be placed for every 7,500 square feet of parking, creating significant sign clutter in the large parking lots.

SB501 is a very simple piece of legislation that:

- defines the term "Regional Malls" as a shopping mall with two (2) anchor stores and 400,000 feet of gross leasable space, and
- requires signage placement, at each entrance to the malls parking areas, describing the towing and vehicle removal policy.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 501 and I urge the committee to move this bill with a favorable report.