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The Honorable Will Smith
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 20401

RE: Letter of Information – SB 11 – Motor Vehicles – Speed Limits – School Zones

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 11 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 11 would reduce the size in which a school zone is established from a .5-mile radius around the school to .1 of a mile around the respective school.

The MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) operates all non-tolled and numbered roads in the State. Any infrastructure, including school zone speed cameras, that is placed on MDOT SHA right-of-way by another political subdivision must be reviewed and approved by MDOT SHA before installation. The respective political subdivision's designated agency submits a permit to MDOT SHA to determine if the prospective camera location meets the criteria outlined in current MDOT SHA regulations.

With the change proposed by Senate Bill 11, the MDOT SHA would have to conduct an inventory of permitted school zone cameras that are currently deployed and determine if the cameras are compliant. There is a possibility that some of the cameras deployed may have to come down or be moved.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information as it deliberates on Senate Bill 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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