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Testimony HB0332 Baltimore City – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration

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Honorable Chair Korman and Distinguished Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for HB0332, Baltimore City – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration.

HB0332 would provide Baltimore City with the authority to tow, remove, or impound vehicles owned by new Maryland residents who fail to register their vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration and display valid registration plates issued by the Administration.

This bill works towards closing the decade old loophole of our neighboring state of Virginia which does not require car insurance for state vehicle tags, even for out-of-state residents. HB0332 is especially important since there has been a recent uptick in the number of Baltimoreans driving with Virginia tags. Baltimoreans could be faced with significant challenges if they are in an accident with a vehicle that is not covered by insurance.

Please issue a favorable report for HB0332.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached on 410-396-4814 or via email at <u>odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov</u>.

Respectfully Submitted:

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