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RE: Support for Senate Bill 390 – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Statements and Certificates of Violations

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

On behalf of the City of Mount Rainier, I write to express our strong support for **Senate Bill 390**, which enhances the efficiency and accuracy of Maryland's speed monitoring systems by allowing trained technicians, in addition to law enforcement officers, to certify violations recorded by these systems.

Speeding remains a persistent safety concern in our city, where pedestrian-friendly streets intersect with high-traffic corridors. Automated enforcement tools, such as speed cameras, play a vital role in our efforts to reduce speeding and prevent accidents. By ensuring that technicians employed or contracted by agencies can affirm recorded violations—provided they complete appropriate training—SB 390 strengthens the integrity of the citation process while allowing law enforcement officers to focus on critical public safety duties.

This bill maintains necessary safeguards, requiring that all personnel responsible for certifying violations receive specialized training in speed monitoring systems. This provision ensures that due process is upheld while increasing the efficiency of the enforcement process. By expanding the capacity of qualified individuals who can affirm violations, SB 390 supports municipalities like Mount Rainier in promoting safer roadways for our residents and visitors.

We urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB 390** and support its passage. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office 301-985-6585 or via email MayorBenitez@MountRainierMD.org

Sincerely,

Celina R. Benitez

Mayor Celina R. Benitez, City of Mount Rainier