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The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports Senate Bill 390 as an important reform to support the continued successful deployment of speed monitoring system programs that reduce speeds and save lives.

SB 390 permits a technician to sign a speed monitoring system citation in lieu of a law enforcement officer. The legislation also requires a law enforcement officer or technician who signs the citations to complete a reasonable training specific to the speed monitoring system before certifying any certifications of violation.

MDOT is strongly committed to the Vision Zero goals that the General Assembly has endorsed and sees appropriate use of speed monitoring systems as a critical tool in making sure that excessive speeding and unsafe driver behaviors are addressed on Maryland's roads. MDOT also understands that a successful statewide program should both be implementable and build trust.

This legislation achieves those goals by giving local jurisdictions flexibility in their staffing approach to signing citations and by making sure that all responsible signers, officers or technicians, are appropriately trained in the critical role that they play in responsibly administering this program to improve safety on Maryland's roads.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee grant Senate Bill 390 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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