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Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of:

HB 28 - Vehicle Laws – Driver’s Licenses Confiscated for Real ID Compliance – Failure to Possess or Display

**Here is a timeline that leads us to our problem:**

2005 – Real ID act passed at the Federal Level

2013/2014 - Homeland Security Administration (HSA) begins to enlist states’ compliance and Cooperation

2014 - Maryland begins compliance. Instructions to MVA from HSA are that only NEW licensees (e.g. issued to new state residents or first time license applicants) need to validate their Real ID with proper documentation. Those renewing an existing license would not need to have documentation kept on file at the MVA.

2016 – HSA revises instructions to the MVA requiring ALL licenses, renewed and new, to be have proper documentation on file.

2017 – MVA begins to consider how to recall over 1 million Marylanders who have to return to the MVA to validate their license that is Real ID in appearance but not in substance.

2018 – MVA begins recalling individuals without properly documented Real ID licenses in batches of 60,000 to 80,000.

2019 – First batch of recalls comes due in July. . Those missing the deadline are flagged On instructions from HSA, MVA instructs law enforcement to confiscate the license of a driver possessing a flagged license if encountered in the field

2020 – Batching and flagging continues.