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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: *Letter of Information - House Bill 373 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Reciprocal Agreements*

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) takes no position on House Bill 373 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 373 authorizes the MDOT MVA to enter into reciprocal agreements for the enforcement of traffic control signal monitoring violations with other jurisdictions. The bill specifies certain conditions of the agreement, including that a reciprocal agreement for a violation may be formed with jurisdictions in which the penalty is up to 50% more than the penalty assessed in Maryland.

MDOT MVA currently has the statutory authority to enter into reciprocal agreements under MD TA § 12-401, et seq., and is in fact party to two interstate compacts: the Non-Resident Violator Compact (NRVC) and the Driver's License Compact (DLC). Through these agreements, member states exchange information on certain moving violations when a driver fails to comply with a citation; help to ensure a driver is only licensed in one state at a time; and maximize law enforcement efforts against the most serious traffic offenses such as drunk driving, vehicular manslaughter, and reckless driving. The NRVC and DLC do not cover any violations issued by automated enforcement mechanisms.

Amongst American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) member jurisdictions – which includes all 50 states and the District of Columbia – there are currently no known inter-state reciprocity agreements for traffic control signal monitoring. MDOT MVA has not received any expressions of interest from jurisdictions for reciprocal treatment of automated enforcement violations.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information as it deliberates House Bill 373.

Respectfully submitted,

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