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**Sponsor Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 373 -  
*Red Light Camera Reciprocity*  
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House Bill 373 would authorize a reciprocity program for red light camera enforcement.

According to the December 2018 report of the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, local law enforcement agencies with red light camera programs have a better collection rate for in-state vehicles than for out-of-state vehicles. This is due to the inability to flag out-of-state vehicle registrations for non-renewal. As of June 2018, Montgomery County was owed \$2.7 million in red light camera citations incurred by vehicles registered out-of-state.

Red Light camera citation average compliance rates:

County	In-state	Out-of-state
Howard County 2013-2017 (26 cameras)	92%	78%
Montgomery 2010-2018 (51 cameras)	94%	81%

If HB373 is enacted, Maryland law enforcement agencies could flag out-of-state red light camera violator vehicles for non-renewal, improving collection rates. Registration of Maryland vehicles with red light camera citations in partner states could be similarly flagged, but not suspended. The Motor Vehicle Administration could only establish reciprocity with a state that has similar penalties.

This bill will improve safety and positively impact revenue for local governments.

I ask for your favorable report.