



**Testimony for the House
Environment and Transportation Committee**

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**HB 1492 Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Monitoring Cameras -
Authorization**

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The ACLU of Maryland understands the need to maintain safety on our roadways. We also appreciate that HB 1492 does include good governance protections, such as the prohibition on private contractor revenues contingent on issuance of citations, which would create a perverse profit incentive for issuing citations.

We write to offer two concerns regarding HB 1492, which we believe can be resolved relatively easily.

First, images obtained by bus lane cameras should be admissible only in a proceeding concerning the violations of Transp. Art. §21-1132. To allow admissibility of this material in other proceedings would broaden the scope of the cameras use and likely incentivize their use for general surveillance purposes.

Second, HB 1492 does not include a provision requiring the camera footage to be deleted. We respectfully ask that the footage be deleted no later than 30 days after the date they were captured, or immediately upon the resolution of the traffic infraction if the infraction is resolved after 30 days.

We thank the Committee and the sponsor for consideration of these amendments.