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Senate Bill 319 – Vehicle Laws – Move Over Safety Monitoring System – Authorization

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 319 – Vehicle Laws – Move Over Safety Monitoring System – Authorization. Senate Bill 319 would establish a regulatory framework for the use of cameras to enforce Maryland's Move Over Law. The bill would authorize local governments to use these cameras on their emergency vehicles.

Maryland's Move Over Law requires a driver approaching an emergency vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked to make a lane change or slow to a reasonable and prudent speed and to yield right-of-way and take safety precautions when being approached by an emergency or police vehicle.

As a retired law enforcement officer, I know multiple officers who were hit by vehicles when stopped on the side of the road. This bill is an attempt to make Maryland roads safer for the people who protect us on a daily basis. It does not change any current Maryland law regarding the obligation to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles, and it assesses a civil penalty of \$100 against violators.

This bill does not require local jurisdictions to use these cameras, so there is no fiscal impact on local governments unless they choose to implement this program. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 319. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey
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