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

Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 1147 – Traffic Control Modernization Fund – Establishment

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 1147 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) installs and maintains traffic signals on all State-owned roadways. In recent years, to save money on maintenance, energy costs, and usage, MDOT SHA has shifted to installing light emitting diodes (LEDs) and has upgraded approximately 95 percent of State intersections.

House Bill 1147 would require MDOT SHA to administer a special fund to change over to LED lighting, beginning with municipally owned roadways outside of Baltimore City, then on county-owned roadways or those in Baltimore City, and finally on State-owned roadways. MDOT SHA maintains an asset inventory for all State-owned assets including traffic signals and lighting but does not maintain an inventory for municipal or county assets and, as such, would not be able to gather a funding or staffing estimate needed to administer this program.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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