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April 1, 2021

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401

***Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 619 – Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts PG 302-21***

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 619 but offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

Currently, Montgomery County is the only jurisdiction in the State that is authorized to place speed cameras in “residential districts” where speed limits are posted at 35 miles per hour or less. House Bill 619 would allow Prince George’s County to authorize speed cameras in “residential districts” with the same standards as Montgomery County.

Working with the local jurisdictions, advocates, and police departments, MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) has placed significant emphasis on achieving the “Vision Zero” goal. MDOT SHA made strides to improve safety on the roadways, particularly for our vulnerable users such as pedestrians and bicyclists, using the “4 Es.”: education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services. Speed cameras, much like traditional traffic stops, are a mechanism of enforcement and another “tool” in the “toolbox” that can be used to reduce speeds and save lives.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 619.

Respectfully Submitted,

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