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HB 230

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TO: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Natasha Mehu, Director of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 230 – Speed Monitoring Systems - Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies - Repeal and Notification Requirement

POSITION: Oppose

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **opposes** House Bill 230.

HB 230 seeks to amend existing state automated speed enforcement law, specifically focusing on citations mailed to vehicle rental companies, requiring automated speed enforcement operators to alter the process for addressing violations attributed to drivers of rental cars. The legislation would add a provision, requiring automated speed enforcement operators to first mail a notice to rental vehicle companies, requesting the mailing address and contact information of the consumer who rented the vehicle at the time the violation occurred. Vehicle rental companies would be allowed 45 days to respond with the requested information before automated speed enforcement operators have authority to mail a violation notice to the vehicle rental company.

Automated speed enforcement in Baltimore City is conducted by the Baltimore City Department of Transportation's Automated Traffic Violation Enforcement System (ATVES) Division. ATVES Division has expressed concerns related to the additional layer of complexity in terms of processing violation notices that House Bill 230 would facilitate. Furthermore, ATVES Division projects that the passage of House Bill 230 would result in an additional 30,000 annual pieces of mail that would need to be processed and submitted to vehicle rental companies to meet the legislation's requirements.

We respectfully request an **unfavorable** report on House Bill 230.