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Hon. Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Environment  
Maryland Housing of Delegates

Position: **Support** for HB 469 - Motor Vehicle Administration – Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Reciprocal Agreements

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, the leading non-profit organization in the D.C. region, including suburban Maryland, advocating for walkable, bikeable, inclusive, transit-oriented communities as the most sustainable and equitable way for the DC region to grow and provide opportunities for all.

We wish to express our support for HB 469 which would enable the state and another jurisdiction to enter into an agreement that provides reciprocal enforcement of violations recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

This bill provides needed cooperation among Maryland, DC and Virginia to ensure that drivers can be held accountable for violating local traffic laws, even if their dangerous behavior occurs in a jurisdiction other than where their vehicle is registered. This reciprocity bill will be another important tool to ensure better compliance with the traffic laws that our interstate region has established and enforces for the safety of residents and communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



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