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HB 230

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TO: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Natasha Mehu, Director, Office of Government Relations

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

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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

HB 230 seeks to amend existing state law related to automated speed enforcement, authorizing citations to be issued to vehicle rental companies. 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 the authority to mail a violation notice to the vehicle rental company.

Baltimore City Department of Transportation has reviewed and expressed support for an amendment proposed by Delegate Carr, HB 230's lead bill sponsor, that would allow automated enforcement camera operators to issue electronic notices to vehicle rental companies, as opposed to traditional mail. The use of electronic notices is projected to help improve communication between automated enforcement camera operations and vehicle rental companies. The adoption of HB 230 will help to ensure rental vehicles operators are driving at safer speeds.

We respectfully request a **favorable with amendments** report on HB 230.