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Delegate Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support with Amendments for HB 231, Montgomery County - Automated Traffic Enforcement - Implementing Agency MC 18-22

Dear Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg support House Bill 231 with amendments.

House Bill 231 appears intended to enable Montgomery County to authorize its Department of Transportation to oversee its automated enforcement programs, including its speed camera program. The Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg have no objections to this.

However, the bill includes language throughout its text which states that "in Montgomery County," the Montgomery County Department of Transportation may oversee the program under contemplation if authorized to do so by the County's Executive and Council.

The City of Gaithersburg's Police Department proudly oversees our own speed camera program and we wish for it to continue to do so, notwithstanding its location within Montgomery County. As such, we respectfully request this Committee consider amending this language to clarify that it explicitly applies to the County's own automated enforcement programs, and not also those automated enforcement programs which happen to be located within the County but run by its municipalities.

If we are correct in our understanding of this bill's intent, then we respectfully request that this committee grant it a favorable with amendments report, with the amendments requested herein.

Respectfully,

Jud Ashman
Mayor

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