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SB 266: Department of Transportation – Vehicle Litter Reporting Program

This bill will establish a vehicle litter reporting program in the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation will be responsible for operating hotlines that will receive littering complaints from motor vehicles. Furthermore, after a complaint is reported to the hotline, the Department of Transportation will notify the vehicle's registered owner. The letter will state that the Department of Transportation hotline reported an alleged act of littering against the driver or passenger of the owner's vehicle. The adverse effects of littering, information about the cost of littered highways and how those costs affect taxpayers, informs that littering is a crime punishable by incarceration, fines, and other penalties and lastly states the letter itself is not a citation. This bill will help encourage economic development in Maryland while discouraging litter in our communities. This program will positively affect the environment and help invigorate the economy of Maryland. We show pride in how our communities look and feel this bill will establish a program that exudes the step of guiding Maryland to be the best that it could be.

Thus, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report for SB 266.
Thank you