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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Miller Senate Office Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 701 Vehicle Laws - Window Tinting Materials - Private

Detectives

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

I am the Legislative Committee Co-Chair of the Maryland Investigators and Security Association, the only association of investigative and security professionals in Maryland since 1954. I have been a MD licensed private detective since 1985.

The safety impact to investigators working in areas where lone individuals, whether they be male or female, are attractive targets to criminal opportunists, that could result in a tragic ending like that of the late Officer Keona Holley.

Other states have exempted licensed private detectives from being fined or stopped for having darker window tinting.

Window tinting helps reduce temperatures inside the vehicle which is especially helpful for those private investigators who have search and rescue or drug dogs inside.

MISA has been working with MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration and MD State Police representatives to develop a flagging system to enable law enforcement to identify licensed private detectives' vehicles without having to stop them.

I urge you to give a Favorable Report to SB 701.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,
Kathy Morris
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