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Senate Bill 684 Hearing – Written Testimony in support of Vehicle Laws – Drugged Driving – Oral Fluid Tests

Quinton Munro, Owner and CEO of SmarTest Labs

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Quinton Munro and I am the owner of SmarTest Labs. SmarTest Labs, a laboratory testing service provides drug and alcohol screening in the Gaithersburg and Rockville area. We operate with DOT certification and offer CLIA waived testing.

Although marijuana and other intoxicating drugs have been a concern for many decades, the legalization of medical marijuana and of recreational marijuana in many nearby jurisdictions has had the effect of normalizing and expanding the use of these drugs. The widespread use of these intoxicants has outpaced the ability of law enforcement to adequately screen drivers before the decision to make an arrest and charge suspected intoxicated drivers.

Senate Bill 684 gives law enforcement readily available screening tools that provide decision support for further testing, arrest and charging. These tools provide objective evidence for a decision that previously relied solely on an officer's subjective assessment of a driver. These objective measures will become an essential part of the impaired driver evaluation process. Further, the changes in the Bill will provide clarity on the use of appropriate equipment for testing and balance between consumer and law enforcement rights in the testing procedures.



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Passage of Senate Bill 684 will promote the safety of all Maryland residents by taking impaired drivers off the road. Please conder the Bill as stated for the safety of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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