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**Testimony of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg**

**Before the House Environment and Transportation Committee**

**in Support of House Bill 512**

**Baltimore City - Speed Monitoring Systems on Interstate 83 - Use of Revenue**

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

To decrease accidents and improve safety along the Jones Falls Expressway – where vehicles have been clocked driving as fast as 173 miles per hour – automated speed cameras were installed along the Baltimore City portion of the expressway.

They have been generating speeding tickets since July of 2022. Given the levels of speeding on the expressway, those citations are expected to generate \$34.7 million annually.

Under existing state law, the monies collected from the speed camera fines are to be used first to cover the operating costs of the speed camera system, with the remaining funds to be directed to roadway maintenance, safety, and capital improvements.

House Bill 512 would authorize these funds to be directed to improvements to the Jones Falls Expressway interchanges, including the entrance and exit ramps, the nearest intersections with traffic lights, and pedestrian safety at those interchanges.

Improvements to the Northern Parkway/Falls Road interchange have already been approved, and discussions are already underway for a pedestrian bridge for Poly and Western students to cross Cold Spring Lane.

Amendments adopted by the Baltimore City delegation now constitute the substance of the bill. Under the one substantive change from the bill as introduced, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation would be required to submit an annual report on its enforcement and collection efforts of fines from the I-83 speed cameras and to seek public comment on the proposed allocation of the speed camera revenues.

The amended bill has received a unanimous favorable report from the Baltimore City Delegation, and I urge this committee to give HB 512 a favorable report as well.

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