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**Supporting Testimony for HB 391 – Vehicle Laws –
Parking Enforcement - Citations
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Chair Barve and Committee:

For the record, I am Delegate Anne Healey asking for a favorable vote for HB 391 – Vehicle Laws – Parking Enforcement – Citations. Thank you for the opportunity to present HB 391, a bill which requires State and local agencies to print a box on citations so a driver can dispute a citation that does not match the registration plates; prohibits drivers from sending in falsely checked citations; and requires the agency to investigate the dispute.

The purpose of this bill is to alleviate constituents from having to navigate a complicated process when they have reported their tags stolen or when the citation is inadvertently written incorrectly.

I have constituent whose permanent disability tags were stolen, which had already been reported to the MVA when a citation was issued on the vehicle. He eventually took several measures to resolve the issue but because the agencies do not communicate

with one another in the same manner they do when an administrative flag needs to be lifted for registration purposes, there is an undue burden placed on him.

The purpose of the box on the citation was to address the issues raised by Baltimore City Administration's testimony last year, which would require police officers to investigate prior to issuing a ticket in the moment, and the administrative cost of retrofitting handhelds. Enforcement officers and/or citation writers would not need to do anything other than issue the citation so there is no extra work in the field, making the administrative process more efficient for everyone, especially when a tag is stolen. When the tags are disability tags, it creates a greater burden on the citizen to resolve the matter.

With that, I urge a favorable vote on HB 391.