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HB 846

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TO: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Interim Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 846 - Baltimore City - Traffic Control Signal and Speed Monitoring Systems - Impoundment

POSITION: Support with Amendments

Dear Honorable Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee,

In follow up to yesterday's hearing on HB 846, a recent incident involving vehicular death in Washington DC has drawn additional attention to the limited power that jurisdictions may have in enforcing automated citations. In that incident, three individuals lost their lives due to a crash with a driver who had amassed over \$12,000 in automated enforcement fines. The District has no ability to remove such drivers from the road from automated citations alone.

In the State of Maryland, we similarly have no sure way of ensuring such drivers are unable to continue to drive in a reckless and dangerous manner. HB 846 seeks to give the City of Baltimore a mechanism to reduce the likelihood of such events happening in Baltimore City.

Helpful Links:

Washington Post Article: [SUV in Rock Creek Parkway crash had more than \\$12k in traffic fines - The Washington Post](#)

The Lab in DC Article: [Can targeting messages to high-risk drivers prevent crashes? — The Lab @ DC](#)

Thank you for your continued consideration of this legislation. The Baltimore City Administration respectfully requests a favorable with amendments report on HB 846.