



## Maryland Municipal League Frederick County Chapter

Chairman Kumar P. Barve  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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### **LETTER OF SUPPORT HB0139 - SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

Chairman Barve,

As the President of the Frederick County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, we respectfully request a position of support for HB0139. This amendment would give trained non-sworn employees of a municipality the authority to issue of a certificate of violation detected by an Automated Speed Enforcement camera (ASE).

The violations issued under Section 21-809 are civil violations, not moving violations. Other civil violations can be issued and signed by non-sworn personnel, and their testimony is accepted by the courts.

About half of our municipalities do not have their own police department. They cannot deploy ASE unless they partner with another agency. Many municipal police departments are quite small and don't have the ability to allocate an officer's time. Regardless of size, diverting sworn officers from sworn duties for this administrative function is wasteful.

Additionally, all municipalities should have equal ability to stand up an ASE program on their own. No one should be denied the benefits of effective speed and crash reduction measures.

At their February 24, 2022, meeting, the Chapter discussed this measure and voted to support the request for a bill. We sent a letter of support to the full delegation on April 15, 2022. Additionally, a Legislative Action Request (LAR) was submitted by the Chapter to the MML Legislative Committee. This bill, sponsored by Frederick Delegates Kerr and Fair, was drafted and has been reviewed by the full Legislative Committee of the MML and they have taken a position of support.

We appreciate your consideration and ask for your finding of support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vaughn F. Ripley".

Vaughn Ripley,  
Chair, Frederick County Chapter MML