

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**MARYLAND SB 793: Consumer Protection – Motor Vehicle Glass Repair or Replacement
– Advanced Driver Assistance System Recalibration**

FAVORABLE

March 8, 2023

Chairwoman Griffith and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies¹ (NAMIC) thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of Senate Bill 793.

NAMIC consists of more than 1,500 member companies, including seven of the top 10 property/casualty insurers in the United States. The association supports local and regional mutual insurance companies on main streets across America as well as many of the country's largest national insurers.

Senate Bill 793 will establish consumer notifications and protections related to the repair or replacement and calibration of motor vehicle glass on vehicles that are equipped with an advanced driver assistance system. Vehicles on the road today are increasingly reliant on computers, are connected to the internet and equipped with advanced safety equipment to help improve roadway safety. NAMIC has been a long-time advocate for highway safety as well as safe, quality, and cost-effective repairs with appropriate consumer notifications and protections.

For these reasons, NAMIC requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 793

Thank you,



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¹ NAMIC member companies write \$357 billion in annual premiums and represent 69 percent of homeowners, 56 percent of automobile, and 31 percent of the business insurance markets. Through its advocacy programs NAMIC promotes public policy solutions that benefit member companies and the policyholders they serve and fosters greater understanding and recognition of the unique alignment of interests between management and policyholders of mutual companies.