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The Honorable Melony Griffith  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 793 - Consumer Protection - Motor Vehicle Glass Repair or Replacement - Advanced Driver Assistance System Recalibration - FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I represent Safelite, the leading provider of vehicle glass repair, replacement and recalibration services in the United States, including Maryland. Safelite supports Senate Bill 793 - Consumer Protection - Consumer Protection - Motor Vehicle Glass Repair or Replacement - Advanced Driver Assistance System Recalibration

Senate Bill 793 is the next step in a process that began two years ago with the passage of House Bill 519. That legislation, for the first time, established a standard under Maryland law for the minimum requirements of automatic safety glass, by adopting a universal industry standard for that product.

Why is this important? Quite simply, virtually every automobile coming off an assembly line today has a windshield, and perhaps other automotive safety glass as well, that contains cameras, sensors and other electronic devices that are essential to the safe operation of that vehicle. These devices are collectively known as "ADAS," or Advance Drive Assistance Systems.

In the event of a damaged windshield, a replacement must be "recalibrated," which means that its ADAS devices must be precisely adjusted so that the safety systems built into the automobile function properly. If this recalibration process is not performed, or is performed incorrectly, there will be a serious, perhaps life-threatening condition existing for any occupant of that vehicle.

Senate Bill 793 sets forth the necessary consumer notifications about recalibration when replacing a windshield or other automotive safety glass. It places the responsibility where it belongs: on the glass shop that is offering to perform the repair or replacement of the automobile safety glass. As noted above, Senate Bill 793 is a necessary next step in protecting Maryland citizens, whose vehicles increasingly are equipped with ADAS and who need to know the importance of a properly calibrated and functioning ADAS network of devices.

We respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 793.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Scot Zajic, Safelite, VP Legislative Affairs