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The Honorable Luke Clippinger Chair, House Judiciary Committee 101 House Office Building Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 1111 – Criminal Law - Reckless Endangerment - Use of Motor Vehicle

Dear Chair Clippinger and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following information on House Bill 1111 for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 1111 would repeal the exclusion of conduct involving a motor vehicle from being charged with reckless endangerment when engaging in certain actions as defined under Criminal Law Article § 3-204.

The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is the administrative agency tasked with maintaining a driving record and administering punishments for certain offenses involving motor vehicles. As currently drafted, if House Bill 1111 were to pass, and an individual is convicted of the use of a motor vehicle for reckless endangerment, this offense would not be shared with the MVA by the courts. As a result, MVA would not be able to assess additional fines, points, or take other administrative actions against the convicted individual.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 1111.

Respectfully submitted,

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