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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

RE: HB 282 – Speed Monitoring Systems – Agencies – Statements and Certificates of Violations

Dear Chairman Korman,

The Charles County Sheriff's Office supports HB 282 – Speed Monitoring Systems – Agencies – Statements and Certificates of Violations.

HB 282 would allow law enforcement agencies who participate in speed monitoring systems to allow citations to be reviewed and approved by a technician in addition to a duly authorized law enforcement officer.

Maryland law does not require a law enforcement officer to approve citations for failing to stop for a school bus, Md. Code Ann., Transp. §21-706.1(g), or for failing to stop for a red light, Md. Code Ann., Transp. §21-202.1(f). Citations generated by a speed camera do not require any specialized expertise that only a law enforcement officer can provide. Allowing a properly trained civilian to review and approve speed camera citations is sound public policy.

For these reasons, the Charles County Sheriff's Office requests a favorable report on HB 282. Thank you for the attention you are providing to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy D. Berry".

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