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Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill 364

Chair and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

I am Chief Anthony Ayers of the Cottage City Police Department and Vice-President of the Minority Chiefs' Alliance. I am honored to testify in support of House Bill 364 - Prince George's County - Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems - Authorization (PG 301-24).

As the head of law enforcement for the Town of Cottage City, I strongly endorse this bill as it presents a proactive solution to enhance public safety and address the growing challenges faced by police departments across the state, particularly regarding staffing shortages.

House Bill 364 provides authorization for the implementation of Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems in Prince George's County. These systems offer alternative methods for monitoring traffic violations, thereby augmenting our efforts to maintain safe roadways and enforce traffic laws.

In the face of staffing shortages plaguing police departments statewide, innovative approaches like Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems become indispensable tools. By leveraging technology, we can effectively address traffic concerns while optimizing our limited resources and manpower.

Moreover, the implementation of these systems aligns with our commitment to promoting road safety and minimizing traffic-related incidents within our communities. With automated monitoring, we can deter reckless driving behaviors, reduce accidents, and ultimately save lives.

In conclusion, House Bill 364 represents a crucial step towards enhancing public safety and mitigating the challenges posed by staffing shortages in law enforcement agencies. I urge the Committee to support this bill and prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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