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Chairman Marc Korman
Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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**LETTER OF SUPPORT HB0282 - SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS - AGENCIES -
STATEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF VIOLATIONS**

Dear Chairman Korman,

We respectfully request the Environment and Transportation Committee take a position of support for HB0282 to amend the Maryland Transportation Article. This amendment would permit a technician employed by an Agency to issue a certificate of violation detected by an Automated Speed Enforcement camera (ASE). It is a legislative priority of the Maryland Municipal League that we fully support.

Violations issued under Section 21-809 are civil violations, the same as municipal infractions, parking citations, and code violations. These civil violations can be issued and signed by non-sworn technicians, and their testimony is accepted by the courts. Even more similarly, red light camera and work zone citations are signed by non-sworn technicians and accepted by the courts.

This bill would bring consistency to the process of review for school zone speed cameras, currently the outlier. It would free up sworn officers who are being taken out of service for this administrative function and put them back in service. It will reduce officer overtime that burdens agency budgets. It will enable municipalities and towns without a police department to stand up an ASE program without incurring additional costs by paying another agency for this function.

We appreciate your consideration and ask for a finding of support.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Connor
Mayor