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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Colleagues,

House Bill 737 seeks to amend current vehicle laws regarding slow-moving vehicles on our roadways. This bill proposes a crucial modification to the existing statute by repealing the provision that mandates slow-moving vehicles to travel in the right-hand lane or lanes solely on certain highways within designated geographic areas.

The extent of HB737 is to ensure that all slow-moving vehicles, regardless of location, are subject to uniform rules that mandate their operation in the right-hand lane, except under specific conditions such as overtaking another vehicle or preparing for a lawful left turn. This legislative change is about more than just enhancing traffic flow; it's about increasing road safety for all users, promoting the efficient use of our highways, and addressing inconsistencies in the current law that can lead to confusion among drivers and enforcement challenges.

The proposed adjustment is a step towards acknowledging the evolving dynamics of road use and traffic patterns across our state. By removing geographical restrictions, HB737 aligns with our commitment to safety, accessibility, and mobility for all Maryland residents and visitors, regardless of where they drive.

I urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB737. This bill represents a practical approach to updating our vehicle laws in response to the needs of our communities and the challenges they face on the roads. Together, we can make Maryland's roads safer, more efficient, and more accommodating.

Thank you, and I ask for a favorable report.

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