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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Ted Dent, President, Towing & Recovery Professionals of Maryland
Vince Flook, 1st Vice President, Towing & Recovery Professionals of Maryland

DATE: April 1, 2025

RE: **SB 883 Post-Towing Procedure Workgroup - Establishment**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Towing & Recovery Professionals of Maryland (TRPM) SUPPORT SB 883 as amended by the Senate. This bill establishes a Post-Towing Procedure Workgroup to examine procedures related to the towing or removal of motor vehicles from privately owned parking lots. The workgroup is also required to develop recommendations on measures to be put in place or required to comply with due process requirements under State and federal law to establish a legally enforceable possessory or statutory lien as part of post-towing procedures, including any notice requirements.

As introduced, the intent of SB 883 was to codify current practice with respect to towing a vehicle from a private parking lot. These types of tows are pursuant to a contract between a lot owner and a towing company, and in some cases may involve a disgruntled vehicle owner who finds that his or her improperly parked vehicle has been towed without knowledge upon returning to the parking lot.

Understanding there were concerns with the bill as introduced, SB 883 was amended to be a workgroup to bring all interested parties together to talk through post-towing procedures to determine whether statutory changes need to be made to clarify the process.

For these reasons, TRPM SUPPORTS SB 883 as AMENDED and urges a FAVORABLE Committee report.