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Testimony of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg
Before Environment and Transportation Committee
In Support of
House Bill 1130
Baltimore City - Speed Monitoring Systems on Interstate 83 –
Unpaid and Overdue Citations

Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

For anyone who has driven into or out of Baltimore City, you understand the immense risk one takes simply by traveling on Interstate-83. I-83, sometimes called the "Grand Prix," is part of thousands of drivers' daily commute, but drivers going high speeds persistently threatens the lives of our residents.

In 2022, two speed cameras were installed, one northbound and one southbound. According to data analysis from the Baltimore Banner, the first three months of these cameras' utilization saw a 50% drop in crashes compared to the three months before installation. These cameras have proven to be effective in improving roadway safety, but the City and State still lack mechanisms to enforce this standard of safety.

House Bill 1130 would require the City to report to the Motor Vehicle Administration when a driver eclipses \$250 in unpaid and overdue fines from the I-83 speed cameras. Following this notification, Baltimore City would acquire the authority to immobilize any vehicle owned or driven by those with at least \$250 in fines.

After the fifth citation for a vehicle, the owner would receive a warning that the State now has the authority to suspend the vehicle's registration, as well as refuse any new registration for that vehicle. It would also be within the right of the State to hold any new owner accountable for a vehicle's unpaid citations should the vehicle be sold before payment is made for those citations.

I-83's speed monitoring programs represent a significant step in improving the safety of our City's freeways, and this bill would build upon this preliminary success to continue to make our roads safer. The bill passed through the Baltimore City Delegation with a favorable report.

I urge the Committee to do the same and issue a favorable report on HB 1130.

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