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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 915 – Motor Vehicles - Out-of-State Drivers - Enforcement (Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act)

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 915 and offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

HB 915 would require the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) to create a repository of moving violation citations assessed in Maryland by automated traffic enforcement (AE) systems against vehicles with out-of-state registration. In addition, the bill authorizes the Maryland Attorney General or the State’s Attorneys to bring civil suits against residents of the District of Columbia for unpaid citations assessed by Maryland jurisdictions.

With the increasing reliance on AE systems to enforce vehicle laws, citations written by law enforcement have decreased significantly over the past decade. In Maryland, each jurisdiction or its vendor operates AE systems and maintains its own records of violations, including captured vehicle speeds. While the State can track certain metrics with written citations and the statute is constructed to apply points and sanctions based on these violations, there is no independent, single repository for AE citations. The only information submitted to the MVA are requests to flag that vehicle’s registration for unpaid citations. This is due to State privacy laws that prohibit the sharing of AE data beyond authorized agencies – presently, MVA is not included in this list. The MVA MHSO oversees Statewide Vision Zero efforts with the goal of zero roadway deaths in Maryland by 2030; access to the full set of data would assist with analyzing this dangerous driving behavior and making recommendations to continue to reduce fatalities in Maryland. An amendment to HB 915 that ensures the MVA is authorized to receive AE data of all offenders will provide access to vital traffic safety information to a proven custodian of sensitive data.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating House Bill 915.

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