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House Environment and Transportation Committee  
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## **SUPPORT: HB1139 - Motor Vehicles - Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program - Establishment**

Bikemore, Baltimore City's livable streets advocacy organization representing more than 8,000 advocates and the 30% of Baltimoreans who lack access to a car, is writing in support of HB1139.

Speed is a factor in a significant number of fatal crashes. Many drivers who speed do so serially, and members of this committee are well aware of stories of drivers who have tens of thousands of dollars in unpaid automated enforcement citations at the time of an injury or fatal crash. Despite our awareness of speeding being a significant and growing problem, we are limited in avenues to reduce speeding, because for so many in Maryland, access to a car is a requirement to reach jobs and opportunity. Suspending or revoking a license can be a quick path to job loss, missed appointments, and poverty.

Intelligent Speed Assistance Systems are an important tool because they can serve as a measure to limit negative driver behaviors like speeding without removing their primary access to opportunity.

Across the state we mandate speed limiters on countless vehicles that cause little to no harm: e-bikes, golf carts, scooters, and play vehicles. But for some reason, this same mandate has been inconceivable on motor vehicles, which cause the vast majority of injury and death on our roadways.

This legislation establishes a pilot program that will give serial speeders an option to maintain their path to opportunity in trade for a system that will limit their ability to drive recklessly on our roadways.

While a broad application of these systems would save many more lives, and seem logical given requirements our state places on vehicles that cause far less harm, this legislation is a narrow start that will provide an option to make our state's most reckless drivers operate in a safer manner while maintaining their mobility.

We encourage the committee to vote favorably on HB1139.

**Sincerely,**

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