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## **Vote Yes on Senate Bill 402**

Title: Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maximum Penalty Increase
Budget & Taxation
Hearing: February 4, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on **SB 402**, which increases the penalty for violating Baltimore city speed monitoring systems from \$40 to \$60.

SB 402 is another effort to reduce distracted driving, reckless driving, and other driver-influenced road incidents though increased penalties. Research shows that speed cameras, ticket prices, and other proactive traffic safety measures are effective at ensuring drivers follow traffic regulations. SB 402 seeks to improve road safety by incentivizing constituents to drive safely and avoid increased fines. Thusly, SB 402 can help influence drivers to drive less recklessly and make our streets safer.

I urge you to vote favorably for **Senate Bill 402**. While a small increase in punitive measures, this bill will help reduce car incidents across Baltimore City by disincentivizing poor driving behaviors.

Continued Blessings,

Cory V. McCray 45<sup>th</sup> District