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Organization: ACEC/MD

Bill: SB520 - Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Safety Corridors

Position: Support

Chairman Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe and Members of the Committee,

The American Council of Engineering Companies/MD (ACEC/MD) is the representative organization for approximately 90 consulting engineering firms of various sizes across the state. These firms play a crucial role in serving both the public and private sectors by actively participating in the design and development of essential infrastructure such as public water and wastewater systems, bridges, highways, building structures, and environmental projects.

Our organization's member firms collectively employ approximately 7,000 individuals statewide, and approximately forty percent of ACEC/MD's membership is comprised of certified small, minority-owned, or women-owned businesses, reflecting our commitment to diversity and inclusion within the engineering industry. We respectfully **support** this bill.

I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 520. This important legislation will enhance road safety, protect vulnerable road users, and provide additional resources for transportation infrastructure.

SB520 authorizes the State Highway Administration to implement speed monitoring systems in high-risk areas, particularly those identified in the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. These measures are crucial to safeguarding pedestrians, bicyclists, individuals using mobility devices, **and workers in highway work zones**. By ensuring that speed monitoring systems are used strategically in priority corridors, this bill will contribute to reducing accidents and saving lives.

Additionally, the bill directs a portion of the collected fines to the Transportation Trust Fund, with allocations for highway safety initiatives and system preservation under the State Highway Administration. This reinvestment in Maryland's infrastructure will help maintain safe and efficient roadways for all users.

ACEC/MD supports policies that promote engineering solutions for safer transportation networks. We believe SB520 is a step toward improving road safety and protecting Maryland's most vulnerable road users. We respectfully urge your support for this legislation.



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Respectfully,

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