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Favorable Testimony in Support of House Bill 219 Vehicle Laws – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

For the record I am Delegate Jackie T. Addison, here urging a favorable report on **House Bill 219 Vehicle Laws – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

This bill is simple. It establishes a clear process for identifying and bringing vehicles owned by Maryland residents—but improperly registered in another state—into compliance with Maryland law. It also provides a mechanism for towing, removal, and impoundment of these vehicles when necessary.

House Bill 219 is not just about ensuring compliance—it is a revenue generator for the state and local municipalities. According to a report from the Maryland Vehicle Administration, a significant number of Maryland residents have registered their vehicles in other states to avoid paying their fair share of registration fees, taxes, and insurance costs. This unfairly shifts the financial burden to law-abiding Maryland drivers while depriving the state and local governments of critical revenue.

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By enforcing proper vehicle registration, this bill ensures Maryland receives the revenue it is owed—funds that support our transportation infrastructure, public safety, and essential community services.

House Bill 219 is about fairness, accountability, and financial responsibility. I urge the committee to support this measure to help strengthen Maryland's economy and ensure compliance with our laws.

Thank you.