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**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill 707- Vehicle Laws - Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows -**  
**Repeal of Time Limitation**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**1:00pm**  
**Position: Favorable With Amendment**

Good afternoon, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and distinguished members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support of Senate Bill 707- Vehicle Laws - Medical Exemption for Enhanced Tinted Windows - Repeal of Time Limitation.**

Current Maryland law allows physicians to issue medical exemptions for enhanced window tinting. However, even individuals with permanent medical conditions must renew these exemptions every two years. SB 707 seeks to eliminate this unnecessary burden by ensuring those with chronic, lifelong conditions are not required to repeatedly validate what their doctors have already determined to be a permanent medical necessity.

We have worked with Maryland State Police to develop an amendment (attached), which I fully support and encourage the committee to adopt: "If a licensed physician determines that the owner's medical condition is permanent, the written certification shall be valid indefinitely." This amendment maintains the two-year renewal requirement for temporary conditions while removing unnecessary hurdles for those with permanent medical needs.

For context, nine states currently permit medical exemptions for enhanced window tinting. Among these states, Maryland imposes the most stringent renewal requirements. Only Illinois and North Carolina also require renewals for individuals with permanent conditions, and both offer more reasonable timeframes than Maryland – Illinois requires renewal every four years, while North Carolina extends this period to five years.

This legislation represents a balanced approach that maintains necessary oversight while eliminating undue hardship for Marylanders with permanent medical conditions. I respectfully request a **favorable report as amended on Senate Bill 707.**