



January 22, 2025

Senator William Smith, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 118 – FAVORABLE – Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

Senate Bill 118 alters the penalties associated with civil citations issued from speed monitoring systems in Maryland. The bill introduces a tiered penalty structure based on the extent by which a vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit, replacing the prior maximum flat penalty of \$40. This ensures that the fine escalates with the severity of the speeding violation.

Maryland penalty fees are the lowest in the country, especially compared to our neighboring jurisdictions. Speed monitoring systems are utilized to change driver behavior, and any revenue received from these fines go to implementing traffic calming measures and road safety, which is something that the MTBMA greatly supports. Last year, the General Assembly wisely raised the penalty for speeding in a work zone and this bill would bring these bills in line together, providing consistency within the speed monitoring system.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 118.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Sakata", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association