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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 501

Bill Title: Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring System Citations – Late Fees

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Hearing Date: February 4th, 2025

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Esteemed Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I write to express my strong support for Senate Bill 501, legislation that strengthens the enforcement of speed monitoring system citations in Baltimore City by providing clear notice regarding late fees and authorizing the Baltimore Police Department to impose such fees for unpaid civil penalties.

Automated speed enforcement has proven to be an effective tool in promoting roadway safety and reducing traffic violations. However, compliance with speed camera citations is critical to ensuring the long-term success of these systems. SB 501 enhances the enforcement mechanism by requiring citations issued within Baltimore City to include explicit information about potential late fees, ensuring that individuals are fully informed of the consequences of non-payment. Furthermore, it grants the city the authority to impose a late fee when a penalty remains unpaid or uncontested within a designated time frame.

This measure serves two key objectives. First, it incentivizes timely payment and compliance, reinforcing the effectiveness of speed monitoring systems as a deterrent to reckless driving. Second, it provides Baltimore City with an additional enforcement tool to ensure accountability while maintaining fairness and transparency in the citation process. Importantly, existing due process protections remain intact—individuals retain the right to contest citations in court, and all enforcement actions are subject to established procedural safeguards.

By reinforcing compliance with speed camera citations, SB 501 advances Baltimore City's broader commitment to traffic safety and responsible enforcement. For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 501.

Continued Blessings,

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