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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 600

Bill Title: Baltimore City – Stop Sign Monitoring Systems
Committee: Baltimore City Senate Delegation
Hearing Date: February 10, 2024

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

I write today in strong support of Senate Bill 600, which aims to improve traffic safety in Baltimore City by allowing the use of stop sign monitoring systems at critical intersections. This legislation authorizes the deployment of these systems to address the persistent issue of traffic violations at stop signs, which often endanger pedestrians, cyclists, and residents—particularly in areas with high foot traffic like schools and residential neighborhoods.

Baltimore City is home to many busy intersections, where reckless driving and failure to stop at stop signs contribute to dangerous conditions for those on foot and behind the wheel. As a city that values community safety, we must use every tool at our disposal to protect our most vulnerable citizens. By utilizing stop sign monitoring systems, we can ensure that drivers adhere to traffic laws, reduce accidents, and safeguard our children and families.

The expansion of automated enforcement through SB 600 will not only enhance public safety but also foster compliance with existing traffic regulations. These systems provide an effective and efficient way to monitor and penalize violations, ensuring accountability without the need for increased manpower. This bill is particularly critical for neighborhoods where traffic enforcement resources are limited but the risks of dangerous driving remain high.

Transparency and community engagement are integral to the success of this initiative. Under current law, the deployment of automated enforcement systems requires approval from the local governing body, which ensures that these systems are introduced responsibly and with community input. This process allows us to strike the right balance between safety and civil liberties, creating a framework that works for everyone.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to give a favorable report to Senate Bill 600. This legislation is a commonsense, impactful step toward improving traffic safety in Baltimore City, and I believe it will make our neighborhoods safer for everyone who lives, works, and travels here.

Continued Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray'.

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