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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 613

***MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY –
DISTRACTED DRIVING MONITORING SYSTEM PILOT
PROGRAM***

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 613 is a straight-forward piece of legislation to combat distracted driving by establishing a pilot program in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to monitor cell phone usage through automated technology.

Studies have repeatedly shown that distracted driving is the leading cause of motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. Automated enforcement has proven to reduce such behaviors and the corresponding injuries and fatalities.

As someone who spent the majority of his professional career in public safety, I am confident that this legislation would prove an effective deterrent to the dangerous practice of distracted driving.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 613.