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Senator Anthony Muse
Maryland State Senate

Dear Senator Muse,

As Chief of Police in Glenarden, I want to express my unwavering support for legislation enabling automated enforcement of distracted driving in Prince George's County. This technology offers a practical solution to a persistent issue that endangers every member of our community.

Distracted driving is a crisis I see on our streets every day. It not only jeopardizes lives but also drains resources from law enforcement already stretched thin. Addressing this issue demands significant time and manpower—both of which are increasingly difficult to spare.

Recent data from a pilot study shows 459 distraction violations per day at just one location in Cottage City, which is a staggering 45% violation rate. This shows the severity of this problem in our area, highlighting the urgent need for a more efficient enforcement strategy.

Automated enforcement, powered by modern privacy-preserving technology, offers a balanced solution. It enhances enforcement capabilities while maintaining public trust by safeguarding individual privacy. This approach allows us to prioritize safety without compromising the values we hold dear.

I urge you to champion this critical legislation. With your support, we can reduce accidents, save lives, and relieve the mounting strain on local law enforcement.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Regis Bryant", written over a horizontal line.

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"Teamwork"