

**Testimony Before the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**SB118: Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Penalties**  
**Offered by Jenoptik Smart Mobility Solutions**

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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

Jenoptik is proud to offer this testimony to support SB118 - we appreciate the ongoing efforts of this Committee to improve safety in Maryland. We would especially like to thank the Vice Chairman for his dedication to this legislation and the use of technology to save lives.

We acknowledge the steadfast work of advocates such as the 210 Safety Committee in Prince George's County - advocates who have long-advocated for tiered fines.

Jenoptik is a globally operating technology group with a US headquarters in Jupiter, Florida and satellite offices around the country. Optical technologies remain the very basis of our business. In 2023, Jenoptik determined that Maryland will be a key focus for investment to broaden the company's technology footprint. At that time, Jenoptik engaged Katie Nash to achieve greater social impact for program participants: our team is uniquely dedicated to serving Maryland governments and community advocates. Last year, Jenoptik was selected to become the speed enforcement technology vendor for Prince George's County.

***This legislation supports a reasonable safety response for Marylanders.***

We recommend increasing the base fine for Maryland's automated enforcement cameras from \$40 to \$75 - we believe this increase is reasonable provided that red light cameras begin at \$75 at first citation. We also note that the initial fines have not increased and we believe a start at \$75 would indeed be more in line with industry standards.

Additionally, we support modest program enhancements such as clarifying that law enforcement has fifteen business days to process the citation and that we continue the work to reduce the impact of repeat offenders as well as examine ways to expand reciprocity with our neighboring jurisdictions, Jenoptik remains a partner in this work and we look forward to the work of this legislative session.

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