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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

***RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 106 – Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses***

Dear Chair Smith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 106 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

SB 106 would alter the requirements for notifying and the conditions by which the Child Support Administration (CSA) is permitted to require that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) suspend an Obligor's driving privilege with the MVA. The CSA suspends the driving privileges of an Obligor who is 60 or 120 days or more out of compliance, depending on the type of license held. The proposed legislation would require the standard to be 120 days or more for all types of licenses held.

Currently, when the CSA refers an Obligor to the MVA for driving privilege suspension, the MVA mails a Notice of Suspension to the customer that provides information related to their child support case, contact information for their local child support agency, the date that the suspension will take effect, and notifies the customer that a hearing can be requested within 15 days of the notice only if the identified obligor believes it to be a case of mistaken identity. MVA also sends a courtesy email (if an email is on file with MVA) notifying the Obligor that the notice can be accessed via their secure myMVA online account.

SB 106 would not materially alter the current MVA process for providing notification of child support suspensions.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 106.

Respectfully submitted,

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