



Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
and Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

March 25, 2025

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for [Greater Greater Washington](#), a nonprofit that works to advance sustainability and equity in housing, land use, and transportation throughout Greater Washington and beyond. **GGWash supports House Bill 915**, the Out-of-State Driver Accountability Act.

As amended, this bill would require counties and cities to collect information on traffic violations committed by out of state drivers and captured by automated enforcement devices and issue quarterly reports. It's inspired by the District of Columbia's STEER Act, which empowers the District to hold drivers in Maryland and Virginia accountable for reckless behavior¹.

I live off of Piney Branch Road in Montgomery County, a major artery between DC and Maryland where speeding and reckless driving are a constant concern. As it currently stands, a driver licensed in the District can rack up hundreds or thousands of dollars in speeding tickets just across the line in Maryland—putting people in both communities in danger—and never have to pay. This bill is an important first step to creating reciprocity between DC and Maryland for traffic violations, something our organization strongly supports.

This bill recognizes the reality of our multi-jurisdictional region, where people travel across state and District lines multiple times a day, and will help make our roads safer for everyone. We ask the Judicial Proceedings Committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Reed
Maryland Policy Director

¹ <https://wtop.com/local/2024/10/steer-act-cracks-down-on-dangerous-driving-in-dc/>

The Washington, DC region is great >> and it can be greater.