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TESTIMONY ON HB#0110 - POSITION: FAVORABLE Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

TO: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Judiciary Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of/ HB#/0110, Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

This bill will fix a logical fallacy in how we treat individuals in Maryland who have been adjudicated as owing the payment of child support. It is illogical that Maryland then removes that individual's ability to transport themselves to a job to earn the monies needed to satisfy that judgement.

This bill works to correct this paradox by altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances. It will say that Maryland knows you need a car in many cases to travel to a job at which you earn the money to make those payments. Maryland will facilitate an individual's ability to satisfy Child Support obligations instead of the current policy of placing roadblocks in the path of making the payments.

This bill is a proactive approach to solving a logical problem in how people owing money are negatively impacted in their efforts to earn the money to pay what is owed.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0110.