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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman
And Members of the Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB0635 – Motor Vehicles – Secondary Enforcement – **OPPOSE**

The 1154 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women oppose HB0635.

Restricting police officers from enforcing safety requirements on vehicles traveling Maryland highways and county roads puts all citizens in danger. Non-functioning headlights, tail lights and turn signals or brake lights are all safety hazards. Failing to give signal when turning is also a safety issue. Either the equipment works or it doesn't. Enforcement of safety equipment is not discriminatory or racist.

The bill also prohibits a police officer from stopping a motorist if their vehicle does not have registration plates. It also allows a person to drive on expired registration plates for 4 months after the expiration date. Why should anyone renew their vehicle registration on time?

HB0635 puts everyone in danger when travelling on State and local roads and encourages non-compliance and non-respect for Maryland laws. Please give HB0635 an **UNFAVORABLE** Report.

Sincerely,
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