

**Testimony on HB 1008**  
**Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition**  
**House Ways and Means Committee**

**Date: February 14, 2025**

**Position: OPPOSE**

The Coalition for Smarter Growth opposes **HB 1008**. Our organization advocates for walkable, bikeable, inclusive, and transit-oriented communities as the most sustainable and equitable way for the Washington, DC region to grow and provide opportunities for all.

The **Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition** would tie Maryland to dwindling gas tax revenues as its main source of transportation funding and prohibit a number of effective, sustainable and equitable funding options.

- HB 1008 would remove a critical transportation funding tool – mileage-based user fees – that are needed to replace the gas tax.
- The Transportation Trust Fund revenue is not even keeping up with the state of good repair needs of Maryland's transportation network.
- Mileage-based user fee (MBUF) programs and pilots in a wide range of states, including a pilot in Maryland, have been successful.
- MBUF programs are being designed to fully protect privacy.
- Rural drivers in Maryland would pay 9% less if the state transitioned to a mileage-based fee compared to staying with the gas tax, according to the recent pilot study conducted by the Eastern Transportation Coalition.
- Maryland's transition to a clean transportation system and fulfilling its climate change commitments, mean that alternatives to gas tax revenues will be essential.

We ask for an **unfavorable report for HB 1008** by the committee. Thank you.