



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair and
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 12, 2026

RE: **HB 249 - Vehicle Laws - Automated Enforcement - Reciprocal Agreements,
Arrangements, and Declarations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 249**. This bill strengthens accountability on Maryland's roadways by authorizing reciprocal enforcement agreements with other jurisdictions. This legislation ensures that drivers cannot evade responsibility for traffic violations simply by crossing jurisdictional or state lines. When traffic laws are applied consistently across borders, it reinforces the principle that roadway safety obligations do not stop at Maryland's boundaries.

Reciprocal agreements are a practical and necessary tool that will promote compliance and fairness. Without them, unsafe drivers continue to avoid penalties, undermining deterrence and creating unequal enforcement for Maryland residents who follow the law. HB 249 supports uniform accountability by allowing jurisdictions to share enforcement information and ensure that traffic violations are addressed regardless of where a driver resides.

Police chiefs and sheriffs believe that public safety depends on clear rules and meaningful accountability. HB 249 helps close enforcement gaps, strengthens the integrity of traffic laws, and supports safer roadways for all users. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT HB 249** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.