

I am submitting my unfavorable position of HB0212/SB111.

The issue is not lack of registration regulations, but a budget deficit fueled by the 2021 legislature, overriding a veto by the governor, to buy a multibillion-dollar car called “the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future” that we can’t afford and creates budget deficits. Instead of returning the car and funding a plan within a budget, the legislature continues to borrow and raise fees to make the car payment.

The increase in residents registering their vehicles out of state is in response to a 78% increase in registration fees and a 64% increase in emission testing fees. This is not residents avoiding insurance requirements, Virginia has the same insurance requirements as Maryland. It is not residents avoiding emissions regulations. The Honorable Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat and others have introduced legislation to repeal the obsolete and costly Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

The failure of state governments to work together across state lines to promote public highway safety cannot be corrected with registration regulations. A cooperative reciprocal sharing of information across all state governments is key to promoting safety.