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Chair Korman, Madam Vice Chair, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

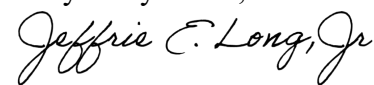
House Bill 0567, Motor Vehicle Laws – Registration Plates – Single Registration Plate, modernizes Maryland’s vehicle registration framework by requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a single rear registration plate for vehicles registered in the State. This legislation reflects thoughtful administrative reform, cost efficiency, and emergency preparedness. Under the bill, any resulting reduction in expenditure would remain within the Transportation Trust Fund. Those funds could support critical transportation priorities, including roadway maintenance, safety improvements, bridge repair, and system modernization. Rather than duplicating material production, this measure directs resources toward infrastructure needs that directly impact Maryland residents.

Twenty-two states currently operate with a single rear plate system. These states continue to administer effective vehicle identification, toll collection, and public safety systems while benefiting from streamlined production and inventory processes. Their experience demonstrates that a single-plate framework is both practical and operationally sound in modern transportation environments.

HB 0567 reflects the realities of modern enforcement technology. Rear-plate visibility is the standard reference point for automated license plate readers and electronic tolling systems. Maryland’s toll infrastructure already processes substantial vehicle traffic from neighboring single-plate states. This bill ensures consistency in vehicle display requirements while maintaining clear visibility and statutory attachment standards.

Marylanders expect government systems to evolve alongside technology and operate efficiently without unnecessary duplication. HB 0567 accomplishes exactly that. At its core, this bill represents responsible stewardship of public resources and thoughtful modernization of an established system. It maintains enforcement tools, strengthens fiscal efficiency, and aligns Maryland with proven practices used successfully in numerous other states.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 567.

Very Truly Yours,

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