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## Sponsor Testimony

### HB 1113 – Vehicle Laws – Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones

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Thank you, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. I am Delegate Robbyn Lewis testifying on behalf of HB 1113 which will achieve a critical milestone in bus service improvement: safe and accessible bus stop zones.

The humble bus is the backbone of our public transit system. Without fanfare, MTA buses in the Baltimore metro region alone moved more than 135,000 people each day of 2025. That is 50 million riders for core bus service in the Baltimore region in FY25, a post COVID high. Additionally, bus riders represent over 70% of MTA's total ridership. However, improvement in the quality of bus service – its speed, reliability and frequency – is much needed.

This matters because better bus service makes Maryland more: affordable by reducing car dependency; accountable by delivering world class service; and richer in opportunity for folks who are young, have disabilities or are seniors aging in place.

Over the past several years, the General Assembly has proved its commitment to improving bus service. First, we passed a study bill to explore Dedicated Bus Lane enforcement. Based on the recommendations in that study, we then passed legislation enabling Baltimore City to use camera technology to enforce, or protect, Dedicated Bus Lanes, thereby helping buses move faster and more reliably. In 2024, we decided that all Marylanders deserve better bus service, so we expanded enforcement authorization to every jurisdiction for their dedicated bus lanes.

As introduced, HB 1113 protects “bus stop zones” - the area around a bus stop – by prohibiting stopping, standing or parking a vehicle there if a bus is present in the zone, and further authorizes the automated enforcement systems to be used to record violations of this prohibition.

I am aware of amendments that have been proposed in the Senate for the crossfile, SB 936, and am open to considering those changes that strengthen this bill. I am also aware of recommendations from advocates that may also strengthen this bill. I look forward to working

with all parties to refine this proposal so it delivers results that improve affordability, accountability and opportunity for the people of Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration, I ask your favorable report for HB 1113.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lewis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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