

SB 936/HB 1113: Vehicle Laws - Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Environment & Transportation Committee and Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT SB 936/HB 1113**, *Vehicle Laws - Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones*.

These companion bills make practical updates to Maryland's vehicle laws by changing "bus lane monitoring system" to "bus obstruction monitoring system" for clearer, more accurate enforcement terminology. More importantly, they prohibit drivers from stopping, standing, or parking in a bus stop zone when a transit vehicle is present or arriving (with appropriate exceptions), allowing automated systems—onboard or fixed cameras—to capture violations and issue citations efficiently. School buses that our children ride to school are included in this bill.

Public transit is essential for many Marylanders, including commuters, students, seniors, and those without personal vehicles. Vehicles blocking bus stops or lanes cause unnecessary delays, force buses to stop in unsafe locations (e.g., traffic lanes), increase travel times, and discourage ridership. In areas with growing transit use or near major routes, this obstruction is a frequent safety and efficiency issue. These reforms strengthen enforcement without creating new broad restrictions—simply ensuring bus stops remain clear so transit can operate reliably and safely.

This targeted update supports better public transportation and school bus transportation for our children, reduces congestion, and promotes equity for riders who depend on timely service. It builds on existing automated enforcement frameworks (like red-light or speed cameras) in a commonsense way.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of SB 936/HB 1113** and help improve bus operations and safety across Maryland.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important transportation legislation.

Sincerely,

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