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March 25, 2026

The Honorable Will Smith  
Chairman  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1614 – Maryland Transportation Authority - Use of Lane Direction Control Signal Monitoring Systems  
**SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Please consider this letter of support for House Bill 1614. House Bill 1614 authorizes the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force to use lane direction control signal monitoring systems on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to enforce violations involving motorists who enter or travel in a lane displaying a red signal. On a bridge with narrow lanes, limited shoulders, reversible traffic patterns, and significant weather exposure, strict compliance with lane control signals is critical. When drivers disregard a red lane signal, they create the risk of catastrophic head-on collisions and place other motorists, bridge personnel, and first responders in immediate danger.

This legislation is about deterrence, accountability, and preventing serious injuries or fatalities. It provides a practical enforcement tool to reinforce existing traffic laws and promote compliance with clearly marked safety controls that are already in place to protect the traveling public. House Bill 1614 is a safety-driven measure designed to safeguard one of Maryland's most vital transportation corridors. We support this legislation and urge a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully,

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