



Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
and Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

January 21, 2026

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for [Greater Greater Washington](#), a nonprofit that works to advance sustainability and equity in housing, land use, and transportation throughout Greater Washington and beyond. **GGWash supports Senate Bill 173**, which is an important first step to creating reciprocity between Maryland and DC for traffic violations.

This bill would allow the state to make agreements with other states to enforce traffic violations by drivers in those states. It is modeled on the District of Columbia's STEER Act, which empowers the District to hold drivers in Maryland and Virginia accountable for reckless behavior¹.

I live off of Piney Branch Road in Montgomery County, a major artery between DC and Maryland where speeding and reckless driving are a constant concern. As it currently stands, a driver licensed in the District can rack up hundreds or thousands of dollars in speeding tickets just across the line in Maryland and never have to pay. The status quo empowers drivers to put people in danger across multiple jurisdictions because there are no direct consequences for doing so.

This bill recognizes the reality of our multi-jurisdictional region, where people travel across state and District lines multiple times a day, and will help make our roads safer for everyone. We ask the Judicial Proceedings Committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Reed'.

Dan Reed
Maryland Policy Director

¹ <https://wtop.com/local/2024/10/steer-act-cracks-down-on-dangerous-driving-in-dc/>

The Washington, DC region is great and it can be greater.