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For: SB0566 (Senators Ready, Folden, Bailey, Salling)

Honorable State Legislators:

I fully support SB0566.

The changes to the historic vehicle registration negatively impacted me as a collector automobile enthusiast in Maryland.

I own two collector-grade 2004 Ford Mustang Cobra SVTs, both 22 years old, extremely low mileage (10-20k original miles), both were legally historically registered, which are now impacted by the changes to Maryland's Historic Automobile Registration Laws.

Each of these vehicles holds historical significance in the automotive collector car community. First and foremost, they represent the 40th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang, an iconic vehicle everyone knows, which debuted in 1964. Second, the 2004 Ford Mustang Cobra SVT is a limited production vehicle offered by Ford. I take them to car shows and automotive events in the area that support the collector car hobby. These are show-winning, limited production, anniversary vehicles of historic Ford significance that draw crowds at shows, parades, and events in the area.

Under my adherence to proper historic registration and years of responsible ownership, both have only been driven a mere 300-400 miles. **I use historic registration for these vehicles exactly for the purpose that Maryland intended.**

With the passage of SB0566, I will be able to request reinstatement for both vehicles, but most importantly- resume driving them to shows and special events that showcase them for their historical pedigree and undeniably long-standing Ford Mustang heritage.

Without the passage of SB0566, I will be forced to either store the vehicles indefinitely or apply for regular registration. Either choice will eventually drive an unfortunate decision to move out of Maryland, and I enjoy living in Maryland.

Regular registration subjects all collector vehicles to unnecessary damage at inspection stations whose business is based on volume. It also levies a significant 'tax' on historic vehicles that don't see the mileage on Maryland roadways (300-400 miles annually) like regularly registered vehicles (15,000- 20,000 miles annually) do.

The community needs laws that enable collector vehicles to be registered historically and permit those who lost historic registration due to changes in the law, to be fully reinstated.