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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 789 - *Vehicle Laws - Automotive Repair Facilities - Advanced Driver Assistance Systems*
FAVORABLE W/AMENDMENTS

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

I represent Safelite, the leading provider of vehicle glass repair, replacement and recalibration services in the United States, including Maryland. Safelite supports House Bill 789 with amendments.

With the amendments, Senate Bill 789, has a legislative history in this Committee. Beginning with the passage of House Bill 519 in 2021, which addressed replacement standards for safety glass, the Judicial Proceedings Committee began to address important consumer protection issues surrounding the increasingly sophisticated features in modern automobiles that comprise advance drive assistance systems (ADAS). In 2023, Senator West worked closely with Delegate Courtney Watson to address the subject of necessary consumer notifications about the process of recalibration. This process takes place after an accident to ensure that ADAS systems function properly.

In 2026, Senate Bill 789, as amended, will close the loop by imposing certain requirements on repair facilities that may – or may not – include recalibration as part of their services. As such, it is a portion of national model legislation that has been adopted in several states, and is being considered in others this year. It is common sense consumer protection and we urge its favorable report.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Tom Tucker