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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 175: City of Cumberland - Speed Monitoring Systems - Tractor Trailers on Interstate 68 – SUPPORT

January 28, 2026

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of Cumberland and its nearly 19,000 residents, I write this letter in support of Senate Bill 175; entitled: *City of Cumberland - Speed Monitoring Systems - Tractor Trailers on Interstate 68*.

For any motorist who has ever traveled to or through Cumberland knows the dangers and heighten sense of caution when driving on Interstate 68 (I-68). Over the years this portion of the Highway has become notorious for motor vehicle accidents and fatalities, namely from high speeds operated by freight or tractor trailers.

Nearly two years ago, the Cumberland Police and Fire Departments responded to the scene where they discovered a tractor trailer in flames. The accident occurred on eastbound I-68 at the Johnson Street exit, resulting in the tragic and unnecessary death of a tractor trailer driver and injuries to another motorist. This is just one of many horrific stories that the City of Cumberland wants to prevent from happening again. It is for these reasons that we support the passage of Senate Bill 175.

If passed, Senate Bill 175 would grant the City of Cumberland the authority to Authorizing the City of to use speed monitoring systems on portions of Interstate 68 for which the speed limit is 45 miles per hour to enforce speed limits for Class F (tractor) vehicles operated in combination with Class G (trailer) freight trailers or semitrailers. This bill would also direct any fines collected by the speed monitoring system to be used to help support public safety programs and transportation improvements and maintenance of that portion of the I-68 corridor.

Whether traveling to visit the City of Cumberland or through Western Maryland, we value the safety and well-being of every motorist on Interstate 68 and for those reasons, we strongly urge this committee to give Senate Bill 175 an FAVORABLE report.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this very important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,


Mayor Raymond M. Morriss