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SB 0115

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TO: Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: Senate Bill 0115 – Motor Vehicles – Automated Speed Enforcement – Improper Registration

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 0115.

SB 0115 would establish a higher set of speed camera fines for vehicles improperly registered in Virginia by Maryland residents. The growing issue of improper vehicle registrations makes it harder for jurisdictions to hold drivers accountable for unsafe driving behavior. This legislation would deter Maryland residents with Virginia plates from speeding on Maryland's roads. Paired with other legislation aimed at entering into reciprocal enforcement agreements, this could encourage drivers to comply with registration requirements while curbing dangerous behavior.

The Baltimore City Administration supports SB 0115 and considers it to be a meaningful tool to improve compliance with speed camera enforcement. If implemented, the bill could improve identification of repeat offenders and strengthen the enforceability of citations against improperly registered vehicles. For context—of the 545,073 speed camera citations issued by Baltimore City in 2025, 69,667 (or 12.8%) were attributable to Virginia license plates. This is an increase from 2024, when vehicles registered in Virginia comprised 60,948 (10.2%) of the City's 595,552 speed camera citations.

Speeding remains a leading cause of crashes and traffic fatalities. Implementing higher fines and facilitating access to improper vehicle registration data would assist jurisdictions in their speed enforcement efforts, helping to protect all road users.

For the above stated reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on SB 0115.