

SB 896: Vehicle Laws - Registration Fees - Alterations: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT SB 896**.

SB 896 would reduce the annual registration fees for passenger class vehicles and certain light trucks, lowering the financial burden on Maryland families and individuals who rely on their vehicles for daily commuting, work, errands, and family needs. **With inflation continuing to drive up the cost of living—particularly fuel, insurance, repairs, and other vehicle-related expenses—this targeted fee reduction provides meaningful, immediate relief without compromising road maintenance funding or public safety.**

Maryland drivers already pay some of the highest registration fees in the nation, and many residents in suburban and rural areas depend heavily on personal vehicles due to limited public transit options. Lowering these fees would ease household budgets, support working families, and recognize the essential role reliable transportation plays in our economy and quality of life.

This commonsense adjustment demonstrates fiscal responsibility by returning some money to taxpayers while preserving the Motor Vehicle Administration's ability to fund critical infrastructure. It is a practical step toward making Maryland more affordable for everyday residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of SB 896** and help reduce vehicle registration fees for Maryland drivers.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important cost-of-living and transportation affordability legislation.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals