



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair and  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: March 4, 2026

RE: **SB – 921 - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Speed Monitoring Systems -  
Exemptions From Liability - Vehicle Rental Companies**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 921**. This legislation removes the current exemption that prevents automated enforcement citations from being properly applied when a violation involves a rental or leased vehicle. As the law stands, these violations are treated differently from all other vehicles on Maryland roadways, resulting in a gap in enforcement and accountability.

Automated speed and red-light enforcement programs are designed to deter unsafe driving behavior and improve roadway safety. When drivers operating rental vehicles are effectively insulated from enforcement consequences, the deterrent value of these systems is weakened. If a violation does not result in a meaningful penalty or accountability mechanism, it undermines the uniform application of traffic safety laws and reduces the overall effectiveness of the program.

SB 921 restores consistency by ensuring that all drivers, regardless of vehicle ownership status, are subject to the same automated enforcement framework. Equal accountability strengthens deterrence, promotes fairness, and supports the State's ongoing efforts to reduce dangerous driving behaviors. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 921** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.