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Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Testimony on: SB 921 Traffic Control Signal Monitoring and Speed Monitoring Systems - Exemptions From Liability - Vehicle Rental Companies

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: March 4, 2026

The Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club supports Senate Bill 921, which would improve pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety by ending the ability of people driving rental cars to endanger our families by violating automated traffic enforcement laws with impunity. The bill repeals the exemption of rental cars from speed camera and red light camera citations. Protecting pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, and other vulnerable road users who are engaging in more sustainable modes of transportation is crucial to creating a safe, sustainable, and equitable multi-mobility transportation system.

Maryland is an outlier as one of a small number of states that exempts rental cars from automated enforcement. In 2014 and 2015, more than 7% of potential speed camera citations in Montgomery County alone were discarded because the offending vehicle was a rental car.

Because this bill is consistent with the Committee's efforts and would improve safety, we ask for your **favorable report**. Thank you for all you do to keep our communities safe by embracing the concept of Vision Zero.

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