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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Maryland General Assembly

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of Maryland Senate Bill 0452, Vehicle Laws – Historic Motor Vehicles – Minimum Age.

As the Mayor of a small, rural Maryland community, I have the privilege of representing hardworking families, retirees on fixed incomes, farmers, tradesmen, and small business owners who feel the impact of rising costs every single day. From groceries and utilities to fuel and insurance, the financial pressures on our residents continue to grow. In that context, even modest cost savings can make a meaningful difference.

Senate Bill 0452 provides a practical and commonsense adjustment to the minimum age requirements for historic motor vehicle classification. In rural communities like ours, many residents maintain older vehicles not as luxury items, but as dependable, well-kept secondary vehicles for occasional use, community events, parades, and seasonal driving. Expanding eligibility for historic registration would allow responsible vehicle owners to benefit from lower registration fees and related savings, helping to ease the burden at a time when every dollar matters.

Importantly, historic vehicle registration comes with clear usage limitations. These vehicles are not daily commuters, and the law appropriately reflects that limited use. This bill simply recognizes the realities of vehicle ownership in rural Maryland, where families often maintain older trucks, farm vehicles, and classic cars that are part of our local heritage and culture.

Beyond the financial benefit, historic vehicles are a meaningful part of small-town life. They are featured in parades, festivals, and community celebrations that bring residents

together and support local businesses. Encouraging their preservation strengthens both our local identity and our local economy.

As costs continue to rise across the board, the State should look for reasonable ways to provide relief without compromising safety or fiscal responsibility. Senate Bill 0452 strikes that balance.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 0452.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the people of Maryland.

Respectfully,

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Travis Marion
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