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SB 936 - Vehicle Laws - Bus Obstruction Monitoring Systems and Bus Stop Zones Favorable

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

Bus lanes and bus stops only work effectively if the buses can use them as they were intended. The state invests money in bus stops and bus lanes, intending for them to be used by buses, but all too often people park their cars or block traffic. A full bus of transit riders may be held up by a single person driving their personal automobile. It's unfair and needs to be addressed through vehicle laws that realign the state's enforcements with its priorities.

Our goal is to get people where they need to be safely and efficiently. If that's the goal, then it only makes sense that drivers stopping, standing, or parking in bus stop zones should be subject to penalties. Only through real costs will drivers begin to realign their own behaviors. Similar policies already exist in the District of Columbia. In the nine months since the program was started the District issued \$15,000,000 in tickets to 147,000 vehicles.

We urge a favorable report for SB 936.