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SB 55
Motor Vehicles - Police Stops - Secondary Enforcement and Excludable Evidence

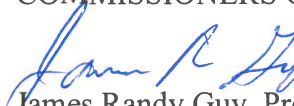
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings
POSITION: Oppose

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County express our opposition to **SB 55 - Motor Vehicles - Police Stops - Secondary Enforcement and Excludable Evidence**. This bill expands the number of violations that may only be enforced as secondary actions and greatly extends the exclusionary rule to cover circumstances where an officer fails, regardless of good faith, to document all the reasons for a traffic stop on any citation or police report resulting from the stop. If enacted, we believe the measures proposed in this bill would significantly impair law enforcement's ability to enforce violations of law, enter necessary evidence in legal proceedings, and impede their ability to protect drivers and pedestrians.

HB 81 will hinder necessary, needed police work and make St. Mary's County's roads and citizens less safe. We urge you to **oppose SB 55**.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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