



Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition

**Testimony to the House Economic Matters Committee
HB 267: Private Passenger Automobile Insurance-Use of Vehicle Telematics
Position: Favorable**

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Delegate Dereck Davis, Chair
House Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Cc: Members, House Economic Matters Committee

Honorable Chair Davis and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (MCRC) is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that advances financial inclusion and economic justice for Maryland consumers through research, education, direct service, and advocacy. Our 8,500 supporters include consumer advocates, practitioners, and low-income and working families throughout Maryland.

MCRC is in support of HB 267.

As technology emerges to better track a number of data points, there are both opportunities and challenges in its usage. Auto insurance companies are using vehicle telematics to track a number of data points including distance traveled, rate of travel, use of breaks, and a number of other factors. Insofar as these factors are used solely to rate auto insurance, they may provide additional information that better enables an auto insurance company to rate the risk of loss.

However, as data collection becomes more pervasive and intrusive, there are important concerns around the use and privacy of an individual's data. HB267 ensures that vehicle telematics may be used as intended, to rate auto insurance but this data may not be monetized by being sold to other interested parties. This protection of personal data is important as we embrace emerging technology.

For these reasons, we support HB267 and urge a favorable report.

Best,

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