



February 4, 2020

The Honorable Kumar Bavre  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
251 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

***Re: Letter of Support - House Bill 130 - Vehicle Laws - Move Over Safety Monitoring System - Authorization***

Dear Chairman Bavre and Distinguished Committee Members:

The American Trauma Society is an organization committed to injury prevention through public education and advocacy for legislative activities that promote the treatment of serious injury and its consequences. The Maryland Chapter supports House Bill 130 to ultimately help protect our First Responders from the death and injury caused by motorists who do not move over as required by existing law.

Compliance of current law by motorists is low, whether by ignorance or outright disrespect, knowing there is little enforcement for these violations. While the current statute is well intended, enforcement is very difficult. Law enforcement officers who are stopped along our highways with traffic violators, assisting motorists who may be disabled or in medical distress or while working with other first responders at crash scenes, are not able to leave that situation to chase down other violations.

Public information campaigns by national, state and local organizations have also been unable to change the public's attitude regarding Move Over. Without significant enforcement of the law and a certain penalty, nothing will change. House Bill 130 will provide the necessary authorization to enable law enforcement to utilize newly developed technology to successfully enforce the Move Over Law and create the general deterrence we so desperately need.

Instead of treating the horrific trauma that being struck by a moving motor vehicle causes, let's give our state's law enforcement the tool they need to prevent that trauma from occurring. The American Trauma Society - Maryland Division strongly urges the Committee to give House Bill 130 a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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