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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chairman, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
251 House Office Building  
Annapolis MD 21401

**Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 154 – Motor Vehicles – Electronic Inspection Certificates for Used Vehicles – Sunset Extension**

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation supports House Bill 154 and offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 154 extends from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023, the requirement for the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police (MSP) to establish the manner for submitting an inspection certificate for the transfer of a used motor vehicle and authorizes electronic submission of that certificate.

Ensuring the safety of Maryland's roadways is a primary focus and responsibility for MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA). The Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, administered by the Maryland State Police Automotive Enforcement Safety Division (MSP ASED), is a key tool for ensuring the safety of vehicles registered in Maryland. The authorization and subsequent development of the electronic inspection program in 2014 created the opportunity for MDOT MVA customers to more easily complete the very necessary requirements of the vehicle safety inspection program.

A customer purchasing a used vehicle in a private sale typically obtains a 30-day temporary inspection waiver, which permits the purchaser to take the vehicle to a safety inspection station for the required inspection. Once the vehicle has been inspected, the new owner must return to the MDOT MVA to submit the inspection certificate and obtain their full two-year registration. If, however, the inspection certificate is submitted electronically, MDOT MVA records are updated automatically and the vehicle owner can process their two-year registration online, without returning to the MDOT MVA. Similarly, transmissions from dealers and tag and title agents are more efficient, improving processing time. Electronic transmission saves the customer time, and promotes and supports the use of alternative services, which helps to reduce wait times at the MDOT MVA.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee's favorable report on House Bill 154.

Respectfully submitted,

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