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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, Judiciary Committee

FROM: The Office of the Attorney General

RE: HB 749 – Drunk Driving Offenses - Ignition Interlock System Program – **Support with Amendments**

The Office of the Attorney urges this Committee to favorably report Vice Chair Atterbeary's HB 749. House Bill 749 seeks to expand the mandatory participants in the Ignition Interlock Program.

The Office supports the concept of the Ignition Interlock Program. The Ignition Interlock Program helps the State to prevent drunk individuals from driving to keep the Maryland roads safe.

The Office, however, notes that the bill does not include any exceptions for low-income Marylanders and out-of-state drivers. The proposed bill does not consider how the program will be administered when an individual does not own a vehicle or if a driver is an out-of-state driver. And the Office urges this Committee to consider these exceptions and to amend the bill accordingly.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges the Judiciary Committee to favorably report House Bill 749, with amendments.

cc: Members of the Judiciary Committee