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

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 151 – Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems - Authorization

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 151 but offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration during its deliberations.

House Bill 151 authorizes the use of traffic control device monitoring systems by state and local agencies. Specifically, an agency may use a traffic control device monitoring system on state highways, if authorized by the State Highway Administration (SHA). If SHA authorizes the use of these monitoring systems on a state highway, SHA will have to place signs on that highway notifying drivers that traffic control device monitoring systems are in use.

MDOT SHA is directed, in the bill text, to issue permits for these “traffic control monitoring systems”; however, the systems mentioned are not clearly defined. The proposed language related to the definition of traffic control device monitoring systems is broad and MDOT SHA respectfully requests clarification on what type of traffic control device monitoring systems will be used, if authorized on state highways. It is necessary for the Agency to be aware of the specific traffic control device monitoring systems that could be permitted on state highways for clear and accurate signage to be posted, as this bill would require.

The MDOT respectfully requests the committee consider this information as it deliberates on House Bill 151.

Sincerely,

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