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	Subject	City Council Bill 12-0116		

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To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
City Hall, Rm. 400

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #12-0116, Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System - Establishment FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of commercial vehicle monitoring systems, subject to certain standards, procedures, requirements, and limitations; authorizing certain civil penalties for violations; mandating the issuance of a warning for a first offense; defining certain terms; requiring certain rules and regulations; and providing for a special effective date.

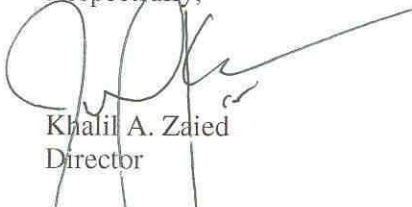
Moving freight to and from the Port of Baltimore, to major institutions and industries, is necessary to help Baltimore's economy thrive. Over the past three years, the Department of Transportation has worked closely with traffic engineering and safety professionals, regional, state and federal agencies and the public to develop a strategy for improving truck routing and safety and in mitigating the adverse impacts of trucks on communities.

The Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System would provide a first-in-the-nation solution to enforcing truck route restrictions with technology rather than stationing police officers on truck routes for the sole purpose of enforcement. We expect that the system will operate in a manner similar to red light and speed cameras, although full details will be worked out when a vendor is selected and the Department issues regulations. This bill limits the program to no more than six cameras operational at any one time. We believe that this will be sufficient to enforce the law in a variety of locations as the systems are portable.

Under the State enabling law, upon the first fine to a commercial vehicle owner a warning is to be issued. The fine for the second violation must be \$250 and the third and subsequent violations will receive a fine of \$500. Under State enabling law, other than expenses for implementing the program, funds collected may only be used for roadway infrastructure improvements.

The Department of Transportation strongly supports this bill and asks for a favorable report by the committee.

Respectfully,


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Cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson
Mr. Jamie Kendrick
Mr. Frank Murphy

