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House Bill 5635, An Act Concerning Designation Of
Roads As "Accident Zones"

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, concerning House Bill 5635, *An Act Concerning Designation of Roads as "Accident Zones"*.

While the Judicial Branch takes no position on the substance of the bill, we would respectfully note that if this bill were to be structured in a manner consistent with other zone fees that have previously been enacted, significant changes requiring additional resources would need to be made to our Criminal and Motor Vehicle System (CRMVS).

If the Committee is inclined to vote favorably on this proposal, the Branch would appreciate an opportunity to discuss an alternative to this structure - namely, making an offense committed in an accident zone its own separate offense, and then charging any individual who violates it with this new offense, in addition to the underlying offense, such as speeding, for example. We believe that this could lead to a similar outcome - money remitted to a municipality - without a resulting fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.