

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE THE
MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, several sections within Title 46.2 of the Virginia Code require that a motor vehicle's equipment and devices be in proper working order; and

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle with defective equipment or devices; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program (Virginia Code § 46.2-1157 *et seq.*) (the "Safety Inspection Program") was established in 1932 to help reduce highway crashes and related deaths in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Inspection Program currently requires all motor vehicles registered in the Commonwealth to undergo an annual safety inspection to ensure that the equipment and devices on every motor vehicle meet established safety standards for the highway; and

WHEREAS, Virginia State Police reports that 8,209,716 motor vehicles were inspected in 2018 and over 20 percent (1,634,740) of those vehicles failed their safety inspection due to critical safety defects which then had to be promptly repaired in order for the vehicle to be lawfully driven on the highways; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Inspection Program has significantly contributed to motor vehicle safety, as evidenced by a 2018 United States Department of Transportation study which found that Virginia had 9.6 traffic deaths per 100,000 population, which was well below the national average; and

WHEREAS, by comparison, the number of traffic deaths in South Carolina rose 29.4% in the 11 years after it repealed its motor vehicle safety inspection program, and the number of traffic deaths in Mississippi, which repealed its motor vehicle safety inspection program in 2015, is 22.62 traffic deaths per 100,000 population; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 125 and House Bill 130 would repeal the Safety Inspection Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia (the "Board") that the Board opposes the repeal of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program (Virginia Code § 46.2-1157 *et seq.*) and all other amendments in Senate Bill 125 and House Bill 130 related to that repeal.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Mr. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____