Drug Testing of Reckless Drivers Strongly Supported in Maryland and Nationally

According to the Spring 1995 Maryland Household Poll, 90% of adult Maryland residents support drug testing of reckless drivers, results virtually identical to those of a recent national survey. In 1994 there were 21,753 arrests in Maryland for driving while intoxicated (by alcohol or other drugs). However, during the same period only 138 drug tests were conducted by the Maryland State Police on persons who appeared to be under the influence of a substance yet did not test positive for alcohol with a breathalyzer. The growing evidence that many reckless drivers test positive for drugs (see CESAR Fax Volume 3, Issue 35), coupled with the strong public support for drug testing of reckless drivers, points to the need for a nationwide system for identifying and treating drugged drivers.

Percent in Favor of Requiring Drug Testing, as Well as Alcohol Testing, for Reckless Drivers

![Graph showing support for drug testing in Maryland and nationally.]

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