

TO: The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

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Johns Hopkins University and Medicine offers this testimony in support of **Senate Bill 136 – Transportation – Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act – Alterations**. Effective and reliable transportation throughout central Maryland is critically important for our employees, students, patients, and visitors.

The goals adopted in last session's Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act (Chapters 351 and 352 of 2018) provide an excellent starting point for the work to be done. The additional elements captured in this bill, however, adds to the comprehensiveness of the work to be done and enhance the collaboration that is required.

Johns Hopkins employs nearly 40,000 people in its Baltimore locations, and many rely on transit to get to work. We agree that the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan must articulate goals for safe and reliable service and articulate specific improvements, including the development of new transit corridors to meet the needs of workers and employers.

Enhancing the role of stakeholders like the Central Maryland Transit Plan Commission and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council will ensure that all voices are heard as the Maryland Transit Administration undertakes this critical planning effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our **support for Senate Bill 136**.

cc: Senator Brian Feldman
Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee