

Support HB1204-Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses (Transportation Equity Analyses and Assurances Act of 2021)

Del Ruth-sponsor

Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Delegates of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I support HB1204. Maryland has a long history of discriminatory transportation decisions----cancelation of the Red Line in 2015, and recent pandemic related transit cuts in Baltimore (cancelled later due to public outcry), and more. This must stop.

The people of Maryland need affordable, convenient and accessible transportation. In HB 1204 equity is a top goal. MDOT will be required to collect and analyze data on racial disparities and impacts on people with disabilities. The Maryland Transportation Plan also will create a commission on transportation equity as an independent monitor and evaluator and a state level plan to help ensure this transit equity goal

Thank you for letting me share my support for HB1204.

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