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**HB 1204 – Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses  
(Transportation Equity Analyses and Assurances Act of 2021)  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
March 11, 2021**

**SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1204 – Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses (Transportation Equity Analyses and Assurances Act of 2021). My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO. On behalf of the 340,000 union members in the state of Maryland, I offer the following comments.

HB 1204 starts us on the path of focusing on the existing inequities in our transportation system in Maryland, in order to address them honestly and openly. We must strive to make transportation universally accessible to all Marylanders, regardless of their circumstances. Unions support HB 1204, but ask that those who would be most affected – transportation workers – by the legislation, have a seat at the table. It is vital that both the advisory committee and the Commission on Transportation Equity receives “on the ground” input from those who have intimate knowledge of Maryland’s transportation system. We ask that the following friendly amendments be adopted, and we thank the sponsor for her enthusiastic support of them.

Advisory Committee:

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(XV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A TRANSPORTATION LABOR ORGANIZATION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE AND D.C. AFL-CIO

Commission on Transportation Equity:

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(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A TRANSPORTATION LABOR ORGANIZATION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE AND D.C. AFL-CIO

**We urge a favorable report on HB 1204 with the above friendly amendments.**