

Support for HB1204 and Transportation Equity

To the honorable Chairperson and members of the committee,

I am a primary care physician in Baltimore City who sees patients of many different kinds, including African American, Latinx, and Native patients who often just can't make it to their appointments because the bus isn't running. Or it's late. Or it's not going where they need it. Or they have no idea because there are no signage or notifications about service changes.

Everyone knows the Baltimore buses are a crucial lifeline -- and everyone also knows that their chronic underfunding (on the part of our state) is a legacy and present-day example of racist, nativist and white supremacist policies.

Thus I am writing in support of this bill to take the first steps in remedying such inequities: collecting data and identifying equity as a priority. It's a necessary start.

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