



Environment and Transportation

HB 141 - Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses

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Position: support with Amendment

Background: People On the Go Maryland builds community through diversity and inclusion. We respect the individuality of our members and are committed to making inclusion a priority so that everyone feels comfortable, valued, and heard. People On the Go remains distinct by maintaining a cross-disability strategy that focuses on effecting positive change in the lives of people with and without disabilities.

Our beliefs in empowerment and inclusion provide the means by which people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities come together to develop self-advocacy and leadership skills, and give voice to the needs of the disability community. Through its grassroots efforts, People On the Go remains distinct by maintaining a cross-disability strategy that focuses on effecting positive change in the lives of people with and without disabilities.

People on the GO supports a Commission on Transportation Equity with Amendment. While we agree that a representative of Disability Rights Maryland is needed, we do not think this goes far enough. While they have a deep understanding of the issues that our community faces, there is no guarantee that their representative will be either a transit user or disabled. Therefore, we request the additional requirement that one of the Commission members be a person with a disability and a transit user.

Respectfully,

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