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TO: Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes and Honorable Mark S. Chang  
RE: HB 98

Dear Chairman Barnes and Vice Chairman Chang:

We support this bill because we believe that deafblind Marylanders shall utilize their autonomy at its fullest, one of the ways they can do that is by having a co-navigator. That will help them come out of their homes and be organically part of the community at large as they have a lot to offer to the citizens of Maryland.

We hope that the passage of this House Bill (HB 98) is actualized and becomes a reality. We look forward to a productive and equitable lives for deafblind Marylanders.

Thank you.

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