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House Bill 950: Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee March 26, 2024

Position: Letter of Information

The Arc Maryland is the largest statewide advocacy organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights and quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We are providing this letter of information on House Bill 950, which would protect funding for Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) throughout our state

State support for local transit is critical to our system of transit for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to ensure quality, service, environmental protection, and equity. As state funding has decreased, our local and county matches for state and federal funding have taken on a greater proportion of funding responsibility. We may need greater financial support for our counties to ensure people with disabilities have access to the transportation they need.

We also ask that there be a long-term solution developed to provide future predictability in state funding streams in order for our LOTS to plan how to best serve the customers in our communities.

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